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## PREFACE

There is not much individual family blood in a family. In a baby born in the tenth generation there are 1024 different combinations of blood, 1024 different influences on the physical, mental, and spiritual life of a child, and while he may carry the name of Caruthers, he is just 1/1024th part Caruthers. On the other hand, we calculate the same baby has 1024 grandparents present and past which make him akin to almost everybody and when we now appraise the Caruthers family there is nobody left for any other—"Us" have absorbed "We".

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If there were a duke or duchess back yonder in the fortieth generation — calculating by arithmetical progression, there would be so much in us that was not duke or duchess a stranger would hardly recognize our royal superiority, and what's the use of being a duke or a duchess unless it just bursts out in splendor like a speckled pup at a baby show and takes the whole show away from all the just ordinary folk?

With such a very large relationship, it is reasonable to allow that the Caruthers family is not "all out" distinguished characters, but that there are some ornery boogers, some became J. P's., some M. C's., some D. D's., and only some politicians, but while some of the family came through Ireland, they did not all acquire the great Irish characteristic, for in 1801 a John Caruthers refused the police job of Marshall of West Virginia offered him by President Thomas Jefferson.

So many Smiths, Browns, and Joneses have entered into every family that a family tree is impossible unless we modify the term or had taken up registration of names as was done by the old Hebrews of Biblical times, and that was not done, so we have confined our research to the immediate family of John Caruthers giving only such collaterals as are necessary to identify the family.

The book is divided into two parts. In the First Part we have endeavored to discover the three or four generations constituting the connecting links between our parents born between 1820 and 1855 and those that left the Old World and

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established homes in the New. In the second part we have given the names and such records as we have found of our parents, ourselves and our children.

“Whoever serves his Country well has no need for ancestors”.  
(Voltaire)

The trend of events in life is that an infant first loves its mother; later makes a pal of its father; gets acquainted with its collateral kin, then becomes indifferent to all of them. When it arrives at the sunny side of life it becomes inquisitive as to what manner of men and women were its forebears, where they lived and what part they took in the rounds of events. Had the author been as inquisitive at sixteen as he was at sixty, people with whom he was acquainted could have told him facts for which he has made search for years with results not always satisfactory.

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## INTRODUCTION

The great earthquake of 1810 left a spillway for Reel Foote Lake on the border line between Obion and Lake Counties, Tennessee, where, having been dressed up with modern tourist cabins has become the rendezvous for the annual reunion of the Caruthers families of the fourth to the seventh generations from John Caruthers, where the older keep the fires of relationship burning and the younger disport themselves with exercises more agreeable to youth, towit: with fried fish and the toothsome custards, pies and cakes for which their mothers far back have been famous.

This annual gathering was begun in 1930 by two families from near by Kentucky and Tennessee and naturally the relationship of the two families was a question, since no one knew. It was known only that part of them were grandchildren of Mathew Caruthers and the others were the children of Lawson and James Caruthers of a younger generation. In 1931 a larger representation were present, a list of descendants of Mathew Caruthers had been begun and since it was known that Mathew Caruthers and Judge Robert L. Caruthers of Cumberland University were cousins of some degree it was supposed that a letter addressed to the Librarian of





that institution would disclose their common ancestor . . it did not, it only added more confusion, and instead of one line of ancestors we had a dozen or more to investigate with the additional confusion of the same name in several families to be identified.

We were fortunate in making contact with Mr. S. M. Carothers of Sumter, South Carolina, who had been making researches of the Caruthers families for twenty-five years and knows more people of the name than anyone else. He loaded us with Census Reports, letters, maps, charts, and a "Rain Check" on his 25 years accumulation of correspondence. Through him the acquaintance of Miss Ida Murray of Lewisburg, Tennessee, was made, and her knowledge of Robert Carothers No. 1 and his descendants the two Hughs and the information she had acquired from her acquaintance with Miss Mary Myers of Nashville, Tennessee, and her researches.

While Mr. S. M. Carothers had little definite information to indentify John Caruthers he had the records of a dozen other Johns which showed who he was not, and following his suggestion, that we should pursue the "back door" method in our research, we are presenting the scraps of records and traditions through the generations; and have without doubt traced the ancestry back to John Caruthers born about 1740. Beyond him, we have relied on generation, association, location, known kinship of some of his descendants with the descendants of others and the centuries old custom of naming the baby first for the parent, then for the grandparent, then for the favorite brother or sister, uncle or aunt and when these were exhausted for the president or his wife if politically agreeable and the inexhaustible line of other patriots and the baby tells us not only its family line and church relationship but the political bias of the parents. The names of Samuel, John, Robert, William, James and Hugh, Sarah, Esther, Orlena, Amanda, Emeranda, Nancy, Jane, Eliza and Martha are names consistently used for the descendants of Hugh and Sarah Carothers and we find them in profusion in the families of John and Robert, and two of them were frequently used for the same person. They used other names as other families used these names, but they are all family names of Hugh Caruthers and his known son Robert Carothers No. 1. In the







pages following, the descendants of Robert are shown to be closely related to those of John, and what we have failed to prove by direct record we submit such analogies that a different conclusion than that John and Robert were brothers, the sons of Hugh and Sarah, would require a substantial record, and that is our challenge.

To link the musty past more closely with the present, let me further introduce you to a few people who knew, shook hands with, fraternized with, and some who have received the traditions first hand from their ancestors, some the children and grandchildren of the actors of 1740 to 1840: First meet Mr. J. H. Gunter of Frankewing, Tennessee, the last of the old Confederate soldiers of Lincoln County. He was born in 1842 in the community of Bradshaw Creek, where he has lived for 98 years, and remembers his neighbors the Caruthers families who lived on Bradshaw Creek up to 1852; also Mrs. Amanda Orlena Bonds of Denton, Texas, born in 1855 and remembers her grandfather Francis M. Finley, who lived in the home of her father, William Martin Finley, near Petersburg, Tennessee, until he died in 1863; Mr. John D. Love and his affidavit made in 1908 in which he gives conversations of his mother the daughter of Robert Caruthers No. 3; Dr. C. C. Carothers of San Antonio, Texas, whose Aunt Margaret Baird, a daughter of David L. Caruthers of Fredericktown, Missouri, told him the story in 1904 of James Caruthers who married his cousin, the daughter of Jane Caruthers Finley and Francis Finley; Mrs. Bettie Lou Finley, widow of Newton Finley of Petersburg, Tennessee, who pointed out the grave of William (Uncle Bill) Caruthers to Miss Ida Murray in a cemetery west of Petersburg, near his old home; Miss Ida Murray of Lewisburg, Tennessee whose grandfather, Hugh Carothers, the grandson of Robert No. 1 gave her about 1901 the data she has of the family; Judge Robert L. Caruthers as he appeared to the author in the life size painting on the rostrum of Caruthers Hall in 1887, and when last seen in 1937, he was the only one in Lebanon, Tennessee, who had not changed. He died in 1882 and is still remembered by the older generation. The author remembers his grandmother, Frances Chiles Caruthers, and that she told him Robert L. Caruthers and her husband Mathew were cousins; he also was personally acquainted with all the children of Esther







Finley Bond Caruthers, also Paul Chiles the father-in-law of Mathew Caruthers born about 1780 and died at the age of 96.

As we clasp hands with these who as children sat on the knees of those old pioneers of America we draw the very long ago close up to us.

Some of the cousins who have inspired this sketch are growing old in years. A very warm, fraternal love has existed between us for the better part of a century, and in deference to their wishes, I am presenting this unfinished record with the hope they have expressed that a supplement may be added giving a more complete and definite record of our pioneer ancestry. Because of so much confusion of the Roberts Caruthers, we have designated the three as hitching posts No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, and given each a separate chapter. There is no standard spelling of the name, but within the past one hundred years, various usages have been adopted and members of the same family spell it in different ways.

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### THE ORIGIN OF THE CARUTHERS FAMILY

In the beginning the Caruthers family was created in Dumphries County, Scotland. It is not known of what it was created, but it has been suggested it was a composition of Welsh, Picts and Scots, and by some, it is claimed, they were French brought over by William the Conqueror, who gave them this country as their lot for their loyalty. The name first appears in history about the twelfth century. The following excerpts of letters dated April 1912, are accredited to Dr. William Caruthers of London, England, who gives further facts as to the origin: "The Carruthers are one of the Dumphries County families. They originally settled in Annandale, which was called the Parish of Carruthers. In 1600 the parish united with that of Middlebie. Above the ancient village of Carruthers there stood a British Fort called Caerrhy-thyr; that is 'the fort of assault'. The settlers adopted this as their family name. In 1363 Robert Bruce gave by charter the neighboring parish of Mouswald and the land northward in the valley of Annan to Robert Carruthers whom he created as Baron of Mouswald. In the family parish churchyard, there is a monument to Sir Simon Caruthers ("Sir" being title of priest.)







"The name is common in the South of Scotland. In the small town of Moffat, in the upper portion of Annandale where I came from, there were four or five families of this name when I was a boy. The family were Celts who came to Britain before the Christian Era and settled in Cornwall, Wales and the south of Scotland in the Counties of Dumfriesshire, Kirkenbright, Wighton and Ayr."

The accomplishments of the Scotch in poetry, music, art and military powers have not been neglected by more ambitious writers, but we must not here overlook that one of the most popular songs in America, "Annie Laurie" was inspired in this same community of Dumfries, and just across and within the eastern border is the famous "Old Blacksmith Shop" that has given the name "Gretna Green" to clandestine marriages.

Because of the strategic position of their location during the almost constant wars with England, they were the first to receive the blows of the enemy, and the last to be relieved of the burden of the war, and when the new America was open for colonization it took little persuasion and persecution to induce them to change homelands. Some of them had already crossed over into Ireland, from thence they sailed the Atlantic about the middle of the eighteenth century.

John Knox had become the champion in Scotland of Presbyterianism against the Pope, and under his preaching and not too gentle leadership, the Scotch had received a very rigorous training in religious matters and to use a modern expression "They had to like it", and almost everywhere a few families of the Scotch or Scotch-Irish settled in the new country, a Presbyterian Church was erected and the rigid teachings and practices of the members justified the appellation still extant, "Blue Stocking Presbyterian."

By the year 1800, the Caruthers families had scattered until there were large representations in Pennsylvania, Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kentucky and when the great revival of religion about that time swept those communities they were in the midst of it. Many of them became Cumberland Presbyterians, and many remained with the mother church. Conformist and non-conformist was a vital question. Many were carried away with the wonderful







eloquence and spiritual uplift of the preaching and singing of John and Charles Wesley, and became Methodists, and while the writer does not know to what denominations the many families now adhere, he finds they have not forgotten the inheritance of their fathers and mothers who came to America to serve God, and one or other of the various Churches registers the names of most of them.

The original families who came to America were mostly farmers. They loved the land, the animal life, good horses, growing things, the woods, the rivers and the sunshine, and they always had plenty and to spare. They acquired large tracts of land by grant and purchase. It was not unusual for one to own a thousand acres and some much more. Between Mackburg and Bradshaw Creek in Lincoln County, Tennessee, a distance of two miles, where the immediate ancestors of those who have inspired this sketch, were born, there was a large body of land owned by Samuel Caruthers and his sons and daughter. His son James took up large tracts of land in Mississippi, and Matthew Caruthers acquired about six hundred acres in Obion County, Tennessee, when he settled there in 1852, this, his family inherited. Land was plentiful and cheap, but whether they had much or little, they were recognized as good farmers and stockmen.

They were not all farmers for we find many professional men and women, including preachers, missionaries, teachers, lawyers, doctors, and business men—as merchants, lumbermen, bankers, writers; and in later years when strenuous times came and ingenuity, thrift and energy became more in demand, they have held their own.

Aware that in the beginning of this research the only definite information available was the meagre knowledge of the identity of Matthew Caruthers' family and the indefinite information of two other families somehow related, we began peeping into the back doors of the ancestors and the first information was a slip of paper found in 1937 among the files of Charles J. Wright who had died in 1925, as follows: "Samuel Caruthers married Jane Mackey who had a brother named Alexander Mackey; Children: James, Mathew, Samuel and Fanny." In 1937, Mrs. Fanny Kelley, a granddaughter of Fanny Caruthers was at the reunion at Reel Foote Lake and







gave the information that she had seen the record of her grandmother Fanny's marriage to Wiley Ware at Fayetteville, Tennessee, and later she found a leaf from an old Bible giving a list of deaths, as follows: "Fanny R. Ware, died August 18, 1859, Mathew Caruthers (no date), James Caruthers died Nov. 11th, 1859, Samuel Caruthers Seign, died Nov. 4th, 1817; Jane Caruthers died May 3rd, 1852." As no mention was made of Samuel, Jr. and since we have no definite record we assume he died after 1859.

About 1878, a "Cousin Emeranda" Wakefield visited Mrs. Martha Moffatt in Troy, Tennessee, and at a dinner celebrating a wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, she told this story, that she and Martha (Mrs. Moffatt) were on their way to Sunday School and stopped at the home of their Uncle Matt Caruthers and found there a brand new baby girl, without a name, and they asked the privilege of naming the baby, and that, she said, is why Mrs. Wright was named Martha Emeranda. Fifty years having intervened, everybody had forgotten who "Cousin Emma" was, and how she was related to Mrs. Martha Moffatt, and who were the parents of either of them.

Another tradition was given by Dr. C. C. Caruthers of San Antonio, Texas, about 1938, that his Aunt Margaret Baird, a niece of Judge Robt. L. Caruthers, remembered the story of a James Caruthers who married his cousin, a daughter of Frank Finley and his wife Jane Caruthers Finley, and about the same date Mrs. C. P. Wilson whose husband was a grandson of this Mrs. Martha Moffatt told the story she had from Mrs. Moffatt that her mother, Esther Finley was married twice, once to a Mr. Bond, who was the father of Mrs. Moffatt and the second time to her cousin Samuel Caruthers.

Miss Fannie Wright, a granddaughter of Mathew Caruthers remembered a story of the childhood of her mother, that her family lived close to a stream of water where she and her brothers and sisters waded, and also that there was a big spring close to the house where they lived.

Luther Woffard of Memphis, Tennessee, 95 years old, remembered Robert L. Caruthers was his cousin, and that his grandmother, Jane Caruthers Finley had a brother William.







Another tradition was that when Martha Emeranda was about twelve years of age in 1852, her father Mathew Caruthers moved with his family, his slaves and his farm animals from Middle Tennessee near Brick Church to Obion County in the old Prairie Schooner type of wagons and that she fell under a wheel and had her collar bone crushed.

Mrs. Haynes of Greenville, Mississippi, and her brother, Britton Finley of Hugo, Oklahoma, state that their ancestor, Jane Caruthers Finley, was a daughter of Robert Caruthers of North Carolina.

There was another tradition that the original family came from North Carolina to Tennessee.

There developed other traditions relative to relationships that are significant in the light the records disclosed. About the time of the death of Judge Robert Looney Caruthers in 1882, the widow of Mathew Caruthers, Mrs. Fanny Chiles Caruthers, made the statement that Robert L. and Mathew were cousins, and correspondence with Mr. H. W. Carothers of Wales, Tennessee, discloses the fact it was known to a number of his relations that his father, Dean Carothers claimed that Mathew and Dean's father, Hugh Carothers, Jr., were second cousins. It was further rumored that there were three Roberts Caruthers, first cousins to each other who had migrated from North Carolina to Middle Tennessee about the turn of the eighteenth century and lived in neighboring counties to wit: Robert, who married Margaret White, had lived in Sumner County, Tennessee after the death of his wife in 1794 and died in 1811; Robert, who married Margaret Scott, moved to Marshall County about 1806 and died in that county in 1837; and another Robert, who married Elizabeth Patillo, lived near Columbia, Tennessee, in 1813 and died in Maury County, in 1828. The last named Robert was perhaps not a first cousin.

These scraps and traditions constituted a jig-saw puzzle rather than a basis for building a story of a truly pioneer people for whom no herald announced their coming, and no Homer has sung an Iliad of their vicissitudes.







## UNITED STATES CENSUS AND OTHER RECORDS

The first census, 1789, of North Carolina, gives no record of John Caruthers, the common ancestor of the people of this sketch, and not until the census of 1820-30-40 and 1850 do we find census records of Samuel, his son. Broken statuary at the entrance of the national capitol tell a record story of attempted destruction in the War of 1812, which in these times might have been quickly accomplished, but the fire which only damaged the feet and hands of the statuary, burned some records that could not be replaced, and some census records of North Carolina, and Tennessee, are said to have been among those destroyed. The 1820 census of Lincoln County, Tennessee, gives Jane Caruthers, widow of Samuel, head of a family, over 50 years of age, 1 male child between 18 and 26 (Mathew was born in 1796), a male and a female between the ages of 10 and 16; James Caruthers between 26 and 45, head of a family of 1 male and 1 female under 10, and one female between 16 and 26. The 1840 Census gives James, head of family, between 40 and 50, 4 males under 20, 2 females between 10 and 15, and one female between 40 and 50; Mathew as head of family, 1 male between 10 and 15, 6 females under 15, and 1 female between 30 and 40; Samuel (this was Samuel Jr.) head of family, between 30 and 40, one male between 5 and 10, 7 females under 15, one female between 30 and 40 and 1 female between 60 and 70; the last named was probably the mother, Jane, as she was not listed separately in that census. The census of 1850 lists Jane as 78 years of age, was born in North Carolina, and Fanny Ware, Samuel Caruthers Ware and James K. Polk Ware, and the number of the list as 1110; Mathew Caruthers' list was 1111, the head of family, 50 years old, born and attended school in Tennessee, his wife Francis, 43, and the list of children as follows: Nancy Ann 19, Sarah F. 17, Marilda Orlena 15, Amanda J. 13, Martha M. 11, Musadora A. 9, Mathew M. 7, Eliza H. 5, and Paul, 1 month. No reason is apparent for the omission of John A. the oldest son, but Lucinda J., oldest child had been married in 1844 and Samuel C. (Uncle K) was not born until 1853. James, the elder son of Jane had moved to Mississippi, but no reason appears for the omission of Samuel Jr. who may have moved to Obion County, Tennessee, though the census of Obion County does not list his name.







In Book 2, at pages 402-3, in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of Lincoln County, Tennessee appears a deed conveying 3 acres of land on Bradshaw Creek to Wm. P. Smith and was executed by James Caruthers, Jane Caruthers, Samuel Caruthers, Mathew Caruthers and Fanny R. Ware; the deed was recorded November 4th, 1852. At Book H, page 223 in the same office, Fanny Caruthers conveys to Mathew Caruthers on October 17, 1826 the following described land: "Beginning at a Beech marked M. C.; East 25 Poles to Red Oak 2 Ashes and Kinchens Holcomb N. E. corner; South 40 P. to Beech; East 40 P. to Dogwood; North 40 P. to stake; East 30½ P. to Dogwood and Hornbean at the S. E. corner of a 100 acre tract deeded from William H. Ragsdale to the heirs of Samuel Caruthers deceased; North 100 P. to stake; East to Beech tree 16 P., the S. W. corner of 50 acres entry by Mordacai Pillow; thence with west boundary line 23 P. to Elm on bank of branch; thence with the meanderings of branch to beginning supposed to contain 61 acres, and deed was witnessed by James Caruthers and Samuel Caruthers. Except for the fact it is recorded in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the description and other statements of the deed might apply to almost anywhere in the United States. Samuel Caruthers Sr. died November 4th, 1817, and in the County Court records of Lincoln County, Tennessee, Book 1 at pages 392-3 is an inventory of his personal estate which totals \$1337.00. As a record of curios, a few of the items are given here: 1 flax wheel, 2 hackles and 1 pair of cotton cards, 2 pot racks, 1 pair steelyards, 1 pair chains and hames, 1 foot-edge, 1 pair stretchers, 2 ploughs, 1 loom, 6262 lbs. of iron and 707 lbs. of lead, 1 negro boy, 3 women and 2 children mixed, and we add also one case of books, and signed "James Caruthers and Hampton Bostick, Administrators," and dated January 28, 1824.

North Carolina military land grants for services in the War of 1812 show a grant to Samuel Caruthers on February 22, 1816 of 8 acres in Lincoln County, Tennessee; Book M, P. 658.







FROM THE "NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION"

"This is to certify that the following is an account copy from the records in the official custody of the North Carolina Historical Commission. An account of Specie Certificate paid into the Compt's office by John Armstrong, Entry Taker for land in North Carolina. No: 4069 By Whom Granted: Bledsoe & Williams. To Whom Granted: Samuel Caruthers. Date: August 1783. Sum: L.7.17.6. Interest: L.0.7.0. To What Time: 25 May, 1784. Total Amount, principal and interest: L.8.4.6.

From North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts,  
Volume 11, Page 741, Folio 2:

Raleigh, January 15, 1938

C. C. Crittenden,  
Secretary."

The above certificate and a like one numbered 610 caused an investigation of the location of the two grants and No. 610 was found located in Sullivan County, Tennessee, July 11, 1794; 100 acres adjoining lands of David Looney, and as another Samuel Caruthers had married Jane, the daughter of David Looney, it was properly assumed this tract had been entered by him. The location of No. 4069 has not been discovered, but these circumstances connected with the knowledge that the two Samuels were related and the fact discovered in the Census report, that Jane Mackey, wife of the other Samuel Caruthers had been born in North Carolina and her children had been born in Tennessee caused the further investigation of the records of Sullivan County, and three deeds were discovered, the first giving the description of the 100 acres under said Land Grant No. 610, the second a deed dated February 24, 1795, recorded in deed book 3, page 362, March 4, 1801, as follows: "John Caruthers to Samuel Caruthers" Consideration: "That the said John Caruthers for and in consideration of his natural affection to his said son, the said Samuel Caruthers and also for the consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereby acknowledged hath by these presents, doth grant, bargain, sell, aline, and confirm unto Samuel Caruthers his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or parcel of land containing 220 acres be the same more or less and being in the County of Sullivan on the North side of Holston River" (here follows legal description of 220 acres). The third deed







was dated January 13, 1817 and was recorded in Sullivan County June 7th, 1818, in Book 3, page 375, by which "Samuel Caruthers of Lincoln County, Tennessee" conveyed the same 220 acres to Robert Rhea for the sum of \$1,000.00.

The other Samuel Caruthers sold his 100 acres to John Spurgeon December 3, 1798 and moved to Smith County, Tennessee where his sons, Robert L. was born in 1800, and Abraham was born in 1803. Samuel, their father, died in 1813, probably in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Tennessee was separated from North Carolina and became a separate state in 1821 and we look to the records of that state for transactions of the time before the separation. On April 21, 1780, and October 10, 1783, John Caruthers made application for and was granted 220 acres of land on the north side of Holston River, the deed recorded in Book 53, at Page 147, Land Grant No. 174, in Craven County, North Carolina, and like entries were made to a 100 acre tract under Grant No. 610 to Samuel Caruthers and recorded on July 12, 1794 in Book 81 at Page 598, in same County. Craven County was at that time the home of many of the Caruthers families and from these records we gather it was the undisputable home of John and his son Samuel and the home of the other Samuel at the dates of these applications for land grants; that Samuel who took the 100 acre tract was a different man from Samuel who moved to Lincoln County where he later lived when he sold the 220 acres to Robert Rhea. These records identify John and his son Samuel and introduce the other Samuel; and tradition says their sons were cousins and in the coming pages we hope to lay a foundation on which some inquisitive mind, with more years than the writer has, may verify the fact with more direct evidence.

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### JOHN CARUTHERS AND HIS SONS

Just where John Caruthers was born is unknown, probably in Ireland or Scotland. Somebody brought some books that tradition says came from Ireland. The first record we have of him was a land grant application made by him in Craven County, North Carolina, April 21, 1780 and granted October







10, 1783, so we must assume he lived in that County at those times. This was the 220 acre tract which he settled in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and since his name, neither that of his son Samuel appears in the first Census, 1789, in North Carolina, it is quite probable they had already moved to Sullivan County, whose Census records were destroyed when the Capitol at Washington was burned in the War of 1812.

Samuel married Jane Mackey about 1790-1793. She was born in North Carolina, and as Samuel's father gave him the 220 acre farm in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1795, it is probable his father died about this time. Samuel continued to live on the farm until about 1813 when he moved to the east side of Bradshaw Creek on the boundary line between Lincoln and Giles Counties, Tennessee, a few miles southeast of Petersburg in Marshall County and Brick Church in Giles County, and a little later sold the 220 acre farm in Sullivan County.

Samuel and a John Caruthers took part in the War of 1812 and both received land grants in 1815 in Lincoln County as soldiers of that war and since James Caruthers, the eldest son of Samuel became the administrator of John's estate and there is no other reference to John or his relationships we merely assume he was the brother of Samuel.

Samuel seems to have been a prosperous farmer and stock man; he owned a large body of land between Mackburg and Bradshaw Creek in Lincoln County and died in 1817. The record of his estate by his son James, is given elsewhere in this sketch. There are many cemeteries in the community of his home but no stone has been found marking his grave. The only person living who remembers the Caruthers family in Lincoln County is Mr. J. H. Gunter born in 1842 and who has always lived in the community of Bradshaw Creek and he remembers that his father hired the Caruthers slaves to gather his crops, and remembers there has been no change in the location of the houses in which the families lived when they moved away a long time ago and to where he did not know until told by the author in 1940.

Jane Mackey Caruthers continued to live on the farm for thirty-five years after Samuel died. Her son James had moved to Mississippi before 1848; Samuel Jr. and Fanny Ware had







gone to West Tennessee; Mathew moved to West Tennessee in 1852, and all the family had left the old home overlooking the beautiful valley of the Bradshaw. Jane Caruthers died in 1852 and is buried somewhere no doubt beside the unknown grave of Samuel on a sun-kissed hillside bathed in rich perfumes of the laurel and magnolia.

A letter dated 9-15-37 from the War Department gives the following:

"Statement of Military Service of Samuel Caruthers, Private, Russell's separate Battalion Mounted Gunmen Tennessee Vols.

It is shown by the official record that Samuel Caruthers served as a private in Captain John Trimble's Company of East Tennessee Volunteers, Mounted Gunmen under the command of Major William Russell, War of 1812. His service commenced Oct. 5, 1814 and ended April 5, 1815 a period of 6 months and 1 day."

Official Statement furnished September 15, 1937

By authority of the Secretary of War,  
Frank C. Bennett, Brigadier General (SEAL)  
Acting The Adjutant General."

Later he took up some land in Lincoln County Tennessee on a Military Warrant as follows:

"Military Warrant War 1812

Samuel Caruthers

1816 Feb. 22, 8 acres Lincoln County Book M. p 655."

#### Statement.

Several years ago it became the duty of the author to take a poll of a part of the Ward in which he lived and to his gratification he learned that his ten year old son had been playing with the children in the back yards of the community and had learned the names of all the voters along the street, so when Mr. S. M. Carothers of Sumter, South Carolina, suggested I would have to adopt the "back door" method of learning our family history, I knew what he meant and in conformity with this method we have become acquainted with the children and then the parents, and now we have arrived







at the back door of the ancestry of John and Robert Caruthers, and who lived there will be determined by the relationships of the children.

It is possible that John was an older brother of the Samuel who married Jane Looney, in which event John would not have been the son of Hugh, but as the children of Samuel and Jane Looney were the same age as the children of John's grandchildren it is more probable that John was the brother of Samuel's father.

If John and Robert were brothers; it will appear that Samuel who married Jane Mackey, and Samuel who married Jane Looney were first cousins; that James, Matthew, Samuel Jr., and Fannie Ware were second cousins of Robert L. and Abraham Caruthers; and Tyra, Esther Bond and Jane Finley were first cousins of the Robert Caruthers who married Elizabeth Brown Porter, the grandparents of Miss Mary Meyers, and of Robert L. and Abraham Caruthers; that Hugh Caruthers, grandson of Robert No. 1, was a first cousin of Robert L. Caruthers and they were second cousins of Matthew.

With these varied and sundry relationships we approach with some trepidation the back door of Hugh Caruthers, Sr. and Sarah, his wife, who perhaps migrated from Ireland to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia about 1740 where they were neighbors of the Looneys and Whites, but in 1759 we find they had taken a land grant of 277 acres in Orange County N. C. and the next year they purchased a 543 acre farm on the Catawba River, a few miles west of Charlotte, N. C. Here Hugh died in 1782, leaving a will giving his property to his widow, Sarah, and his children, John, Robert, Hugh, James, Esther Ross and Sarah Purviance Densome.

Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 13, page 93 states "Hugh Caruthers was in militia in Augusta County in 1742 under Capt. George Robinson".

Robert Carothers No. 1 married a neighbor girl, Margaret White, the same year his father moved to the Catawba River farm. These records reasonably sustain us to this point but the position that John of this sketch and Robert were brothers is largely on traditions, some of which dovetail with each other and in spite of contradictory traditions the assumption





remains more certain than otherwise. The author received a letter from Mr. H. W. Carothers of Wales, Tennessee which recognizes there existed a family tradition back in the old home community of a close relationship between the descendants of John and Robert, as follows: "Wales, Tenn., May 21, 1936: I have your letter of May 2nd in regard to the Carothers family. All I know about Mathew Caruthers is that he was a second cousin of my grandfather, Hugh Carothers. My father was E. Dean Carothers. He married Mollie Hunt."

This grandfather, Hugh Carothers, was a grandson of Robert No. 1 and Mathew was a grandson of John. A brother and a cousin of H. W. Carothers are quoted as having given expression to the same tradition, except that one of them thinks he was a first cousin. It looks like they all slid down the same cellar door.

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#### ROBERT CARUTHERS NO. 1

It is not known certainly when or where the children of Hugh and Sarah Caruthers' children were born; one account states that Robert was born at Rocky River Church northeast of Charlotte, North Carolina, but as he was probably born before 1744 at which time his parents either lived in Virginia or Ireland, possibly in Scotland, it is most probable it was in one of these places he was born. As a timely suggestion, it was probably his son Robert who was born at Rocky River Church, as he and his wife Margaret White Caruthers, who had been married in 1760, lived in this community about the time a son was born to them in 1762. From what purports to be a copy of the minutes of a Society of the descendants of "The Black Boys of Cabarrus", we copy the following: "Robert Carothers, the Cabarrus Black Boy married Margaret White, a daughter of James White, the father of the three Black Boys as mentioned in Wheeler's Colonial Records of North Carolina. She was born in 1744 and died August 12, 1794 and is buried in the old Rocky River graveyard, the tombstone also records that it is erected to her and her son. She is buried with her relatives." A deed in the Cabarrus County Court House conveying land to John Morrison, December 20, 1793, is signed by Robert Carothers and





his wife Margaret Carothers. On the same day they also executed a deed to Robert Morrison.

After the destruction of the British powder train by the "Black Boys" Robert went further south in exile but was soon back at his home dodging the British soldiers and the tories. On one occasion the house in which he was hiding was surrounded by soldiers and tories, but a friendly soldier guarded the back door next to a river. Someone whispered to Robert to run out by the back door, which he did unmolested and jumped into the river and swam to safety.

Robert was one of the regulators and was called "Captain", either as a compliment by his acquaintances or because he was such in the Revolutionary Army in which he did distinguished service at Kings Mountain.

The State of North Carolina gave land grants to its soldiers before the United States gave pensions and Robert had received a grant of a large body of land which he located in Sumner County, Tennessee, near where the town of Gallatin now stands and after the death of his wife in 1794, it is said he and his children and other relatives moved to the land in 1795. Here Robert lived until his death in 1811 and he is said to have been buried somewhere in Sumner County.

About ninety years after his death one of his grandsons gave to his granddaughter, Miss Ida Murray the names of Robert's children, as follows: "Hugh, Thomas, Esther, Robert, James, Harriett, Jane, Sarah and William Ezekiel." There was no name of Samuel, but his could have possibly been a double name with either Thomas or James.

The above statement affords a serious obstacle to some of the positions taken by the author as to the parentage of William Caruthers, "Uncle Bill", Robert No. 3, Jane Caruthers Finley, and Samuel Caruthers who was a brother of these three. Robert Caruthers No. 1 was either the father of these or else there was still a fourth Robert whose identity has baffled all writers on the matter to date. One writer speaks of a Robert who married Margaret Gillespie, but they were born about 1715 to 1720 and would hardly be bearing children in 1777 when Jane was born, and there were probably others younger. One author states it was a James Carothers who married Margaret Gillespie, and the error may have been in





the confusion of the Margarets, for as stated, Robert No. 1 married Margaret White.

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### ROBERT CAROTHERS NO. 2

Robert Carothers, No. 2, was the son of John and Sarah Carothers and was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1750. Each of his parents wrote a will in which they designated for the most part the same legatees, and Robert was named first in each. John gave to each of his sons, Robert and James, land in Mecklinburg County, North Carolina about 1772, and Robert settled on his tract and about 1806 moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, where he lived through the changes of county lines of Davidson County into Williamson, Bedford and Marshall Counties, in which last county he died in 1837.

He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and received a pension as such. He married Margaret Scott in Mecklinburg County, North Carolina, in 1774, and raised a large family, some of whose descendants still reside in Marshall and adjoining counties. His children were Sarah, b. 1775, Martha, Margaret, Mary, William, b. 2-10-1785, Patsy, John, James, Robert, b. 12-10-1795, Andrew, and Jane, b. 4-22-1799, who married a Mr. Hodges.

As there has been some confusion as to a Jane Caruthers who married Francis Finley in Lincoln County, Tennessee and as to a William, called "Uncle Bill" and Robert, the subject of Robert No. 3 sketch, the dates of the births and other data of these are given for identification. The other Jane Caruthers was born Dec. 14, 1777 and two years before the younger Jane C. Hodges was born, married Francis Finley in 1797. William, "Uncle Bill" died at the age of 85 in 1855. Robert No. 3 was born about 1762 or 3 and his son Robert was born 2-1-1791; so these were not the children of Robert No. 2.

William, the son of Robert and Margaret Scott Carothers, was married three times, first to his cousin, Sarah Carothers, the daughter of Archibald Carothers, brother of William's father. His son, William Archibald Caruthers, b. 1809, mar-





ried Juliet H. Adams and they became the parents of Sarah, the ancestor of Eliza Rankin of Rankin, Texas, and of John F. Caruthers, who was the father of Walter, and his brother Archibald, the father of Floyd Caruthers, both of Wartrace, Tennessee.

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### ROBERT CARUTHERS NO. 3

In the foot hills of the Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina, there were necessarily many wide open spaces in the last half of the eighteenth century and nearest neighbors may have been miles apart. Robert Caruthers No. 1 lived here in the community of Burke and Mechlenburg counties until 1795, and we find from tradition and the first Census of the United States the names of Finley, Duckworth, Patillo, there also. Robert Caruthers No. 3 was born in Burke County. It is said that before he had entered his eighteenth year, he became a member of the North Carolina militia; that he received a saber wound on the head in a battle with the British; was captured and that his mother walked twenty miles to procure his release. One naturally inquires why did his father not go? And the fact that Robert No. 1 was being sought for the part he had taken in the destruction of the powder train may be the reply. Robert No. 1 was married in 1760 to Margaret White, the sixteen year old sister of his associates, "The Black Boys of Cabarrus" and raised a large family of boys and girls, among whom were sons, Robert, William, and Hugh and a daughter, Jane, and it is said with less certainty, a son Samuel. Robert No. 3 was born in 1762 or 1763 and could have been this Robert and he would have been about eighteen years of age in October 1780 at the Battle of Kings Mountain in which he and Robert No. 1 took part and in fact with these surroundings it would be more difficult to not assume that Robert No. 3 and William, born in 1770, and Jane who was born in 1777 and Samuel who married Jane Looney in 1790 were the children of Robert No. 1, than otherwise.

A number of descendants of Robert No. 3 became members of the D. A. R. but the data given in their applications while not vital to the proof intended are too conflicting, to be relied on. Following are extracts from several applications:





They claim he was born in 1753 and died in 1828; that he applied for a pension in Bedford County, Tennessee in 1833, and was allowed eight months actual service as a private in Mechlenburg County, North Carolina; that he served under different commands; another claim that he was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and died in Bedford County, Tennessee; another gave the same dates for birth and death; that he was a member of the North Carolina militia; that he was born in Burke County, North Carolina and died in Maury County, Tennessee, and that he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain under Capt. Mattocks. All the applications state that he married Elizabeth Patillo in 1778. Had he been born in 1753 he would have been 27 years of age at the Battle of Kings Mountain instead of about 18.

In 1908, J. D. Love executed an affidavit setting forth facts of Robert No. 3's life as he had received them from his mother who was a daughter of said Robert, as follows:

"Cullioka, Maury County, Tennessee  
September 10, 1908

"To whom it may concern:

Robert Caruthers was born in North Carolina in 1762 or 1763 in Burk County.

Before he had entered his eighteenth year, he became a member of the N. C. Militia or minute men at that time encamped in the hills of Burk County. While resisting a raid of British troops, he was wounded and made a prisoner of war. After being detained for some time his mother went afoot some twenty miles and secured his release as he suffered from a wound in the head from a saber cut (the scar of which he carried to his grave). A notorious Tory from near his home together with his mother's pleading succeeded in getting him paroled, but only a short time elapsed before he violated his parole and once more he cast his lot with the rebels, and with the contingent from the Burk hills joined Sevier and Shelby who so disastrously routed and captured General Ferguson at Kings Mountain.

Robert Caruthers immediate commander in the engagement was Capt. Mattocks, and just before this gallant patriot fell they both had shielded themselves behind





the same tree, but Capt. Mattocks being the stronger man forced Robert Caruthers out. He sought shelter further on and looking back saw Capt. Mattocks killed.

Robert Caruthers came to Tennessee and in 1806 or 1807 settled some few miles south of Columbia, Maury County, where he lived many years.

My mother, Susannah Caruthers, second daughter of Robert Caruthers and Elizabeth Patillo, his wife, married March 12, 1812. My father was John Draper Love. So, being a grandson of Robert Caruthers, the facts are as fresh in my mind as if they had recently taken place and had just been repeated by my mother.

Robert Caruthers' two older sons were never married. His younger son, Robert Caruthers Jr., married July 9, 1812, Miss Elizabeth Brown Porter. Several children were born to them. The third daughter, Sarah, married L. D. Myers, Esq., of Columbia, Tennessee, a distinguished lawyer who died many years ago.

Now, this short sketch is written for the daughter of L. D. Myers and Sarah Caruthers his wife, Miss Mary Myers. She is a great granddaughter of Robert Caruthers. The grave of the patriot and soldier is at Knob Creek in Maury County, Tennessee."

Signed and sworn to by J. D. Love on 10-18-1908.

In the above claims and elsewhere a combination of errors have appeared: One that he died in 1828 and applied for a pension in 1833: in others, Robert No. 2 and Robert No. 1 are confused with Robert No. 3; in this that Robert No. 2 was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1750 and Robert No. 3 was born in Burke County, North Carolina at Rocky River Church in 1762 or 1763 and Robert No. 1 was born perhaps in Scotland or Ireland prior to 1744 the date of the birth of his wife Margaret White. These dates and circumstances are important in determining the identity of Robert No. 3.

In 1937 the author met Judge Looney of the Court of Appeals of Texas, at Lebanon, Tennessee, where the Judge had gone to receive an Honorary degree from his Alma Mater, Cumberland University. He told the following story about Judge Robert Looney Caruthers, one of the founders of the





law school of that institution, was also Judge of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, and was the war time Governor of the State, but who being a Southern sympathiser was not permitted to exercise the duties of the office; that when Robert L. Caruthers was about 13 years of age his uncle Robert Looney, a brother of his mother Jane Looney Caruthers lived in Kentucky, was quite wealthy and took a fancy to his young nephew. The boy had another uncle, Robert Caruthers, a brother of his father, living at Columbia, Tennessee; that between the two uncles it was arranged that the Uncle Robert Looney should pay the expenses for the boy's education at Columbia and that the Uncle Robert Caruthers should furnish him a home while he attended school. This story is corroborated by Mrs. Jane Baird, a niece of Robert L. Caruthers as told to Dr. C. C. Caruthers in 1904. This occurred about 1813. Samuel, the father of Robert L. had recently died and what appears to have been a spirit of rivalry between William Caruthers, Robert Caruthers and Robert Looney, William conveyed 300 acres of land to the heirs of Samuel, and with the assistance of Frank Finley and other members of the family in the transactions in providing for the orphan children of Samuel a splendid exhibition of the natural instincts for the welfare of the children of a deceased brother was shown.

Robert No. 3 having been born in 1762-3 was perhaps the eldest son of Robert No. 1 and Margaret White, and was less than eighteen years of age when he entered the army and his brothers being younger were too young to have been active participants in the Revolutionary war and hence we do not find the names of Samuel, William, Hugh and other sons of Robert No. 1 as soldiers of that war.

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### WILLIAM CARUTHERS AND OTHERS

The necessity of bringing into this account the names of William Caruthers, familiarly known as "Uncle Bill" and Frances Finley, is to show by the association of facts and records, their relationship with each other and their relationship with Samuel Caruthers and his heirs and their relationship to the line of John Caruthers, remembering that it was





through the back doors of John's descendants we have met these collateral relations.

William Caruthers died in 1855, and is buried about four miles west of Petersburg, Tennessee. A rough unmarked stone with a handle like grip at the top being its only distinctive feature. The Census of 1850 states he was 80 years of age at that date; this would place his birth at 1770. He was closely associated with the Duckworths in North Carolina and continued to be in Lincoln and Marshall Counties, Tennessee, but whether he was related to them is only a conjecture. His will, probated in Marshall County, Tennessee, provides for the following persons: Amy K. Young, heirs of Wm. C. Caruthers; heirs of Sarah Newburn; heirs of Melvina Harwell; Malina Neil, Mary Caruthers, wife of Joe Caruthers, Emily Butler; a daughter Louisa Tate, Samuel Caruthers, and Robert W. Caruthers. No provision was made for his wife, and we shall assume she had predeceased him.

From deeds recorded in Lincoln County, Tennessee, we find references to a Land Grant of 1000 acres to Wm. Caruthers at the head of Cane Creek in that County, on which he lived, which was in the northwest corner of the county of Lincoln before Marshall County was cut off in 1836.

From 1827 to 1839 the name of William Caruthers appears in many orders of the County Courts with reference to the construction and changes of roads in which his name appears with his neighbors, Samuel Duckworth, Enoch Rust, John C. Young, the Lunas and Francis Finley. In the records of Lincoln County, Tennessee, in March 1811, Francis Finley and William Caruthers are ordered to view and make a road from Fayetteville to John Cockerells' near the head of Rock Creek, to meet the road from Columbia and in same year it was ordered by the court that Wm. Caruthers be overseer of the road to the dividing ridge between Richland and Cane Creek and call all hands on Cane Creek west of the Nashville road for work on it.

In Book D. page 97-8 in the registers office of Lincoln County, Tennessee is a deed dated March 10, 1815, of William Caruthers conveying 300 acres of land on the head of Cane Creek. The deed describes the 300 acres as being a part of a 1000 acre grant conveying it to the "heirs of Samuel Caru-





thers of Smith County." The witnesses to the deed were Abel M. Duckworth and Francis Finley, and in 1816 commissioners were appointed by the County Court to divide the 300 acres among the nine heirs of Samuel Caruthers deceased, and on August 8, 1816 Francis Finley and John Clark presented to the court their report as commissioners, having given parts to each of the following in the order named: No. 1 Sally Caruthers, alias Sally Lawrence, No. 2 Abraham Caruthers, No. 3 Josiah Caruthers, No. 4 David Caruthers, No. 5 Robert Caruthers, No. 6 Nancy Caruthers, No. 7 William Caruthers, No. 8 Polly Caruthers, alias Polly Crawford, No. 9 Betsy Caruthers, alias Betsy Debow.

The record does not disclose why, but at Book E, p. 148 in the same office on October 16, 1816 Solomon Debow, Wm. G. Crawford and Wm. Caruthers of Smith County, Tennessee, convey the same 300 acres by Warranty deed to Enoch Rust and the deed is witnessed by James Rust, John Rust, and Robert Caruthers and deed registered October 9th, 1818. Possibly the land was sold and the money divided between those named in the partition proceedings. Let us note the parties to the deed: Solomon DeBow, and Wm. G. Crawford had married the daughters of Samuel Caruthers, who received allotments 9 and 8 respectively, and William Caruthers of Smith County, a son, had received allotment No. 7. Enoch Rust, grantee, was a neighbor of Wm. Caruthers, "Uncle Bill", the donor of the land, and James and John Rust, the witnesses, also were neighbors. Robert Caruthers No. 3, probably the other witness, lived some 50 miles away at Columbia, and among this gathering of relatives of those orphan children of Samuel at such a time who would be more expected than the brothers Robert and William and the sister Jane Caruthers Finley and her husband Francis.....? This may not be a prima facie case, but at least a very plausible conclusion that the Robert who witnessed the deed was the other member of the family, Robert No. 3.

It is known that Samuel Caruthers in his later years had been paralyzed and incapacitated to take care of himself and his family so that he moved from Smith County somewhere south. A letter addressed at Hartville, Tennessee, May 25, 1917, to Mrs. Daisy Caruthers, Fort Smith Arkansas, states, "My mother was a sister of Judges R. L. and Abe Caruthers





of Lebanon, Tennessee, and Col. Looney Caruthers of Missouri." After stating some minor facts about the family, she continues "After grandmother's death, grandfather married a young woman and a son and daughter were born to that union. They lived in some place in Mississippi where Uncle Robert owned a farm." She states that the incidents given were from her memory; that she is 78 years of age and the only living member of her family and signs "Mary DeBow Donoho." In 1937, a card from R. E. Aymett, Pulaski, Tennessee, addressed to the author stated among other things, "My grandmother was a Caruthers" ..... "she had a brother Robert." Her father was incapacitated in old age. "They lived on Cane Creek, I've heard my mother relate the above." The 300 acre tract was on Crane Creek.

The Colonel Looney Caruthers above, was David Looney Caruthers, a big farmer and stock man of Fredericktown in Madison County, Missouri, and it is suggested that Caruthersville, Missouri, took its name from him. Mrs. Donoho had forgotten her dates in stating her Uncle Robert owned a farm in Mississippi as he was only thirteen years of age when his father died, but she knew her grandfather went south and the card of Mr. Aymett finishes the story.

These records and associations alone might mean nothing, but in a connected story as it was lived during the years as these incidents indicate, we cannot ignore the conclusion that Samuel Caruthers was a brother of William (Uncle Bill), Robert No. 3 of Columbia and Jane Caruthers Finley, whose husband was so closely associated in these incidents, and a check on their ages will show they would fit into the time when Robert No. 1 and his wife Margaret White Caruthers married in 1760, were raising their family in North Carolina, to wit: Robert No. 3, born in 1762, William 1770, Jane in 1777 and was married in 1797 and Samuel married Jane Looney in 1789.

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### JANE CARUTHERS FINLEY

Our first acquaintance with Jane Caruthers Finley was perhaps in Mrs. Pilcher's Sketches in which it was stated that a Jane Caruthers had married Frank Finley of Lincoln County, Tennessee, but as we were acquainted with neither of





them, it made small impression. However, as our sketch developed, they became a very important connection, for one-half of the relationship trace their ancestry to them, and also they became the connecting link between John Caruthers' descendants and the other Caruthers family whose identity would identify John Caruthers.

While we were wondering who Jane Caruthers was and what her relation to Robert L. Caruthers and to Mathew Caruthers and the relationship of the other Caruthers family living in Obion County, Tennessee, Mrs. Martha Hilton Carpenter of Little Rock, Arkansas in looking through some old letters, pictures, heirlooms she had received from her great grandmother, Martha Bond Moffatt who was a grand-daughter of Jane Caruthers Finley, found a letter dated May 19, 1848, mailed at Millville, Tennessee, and addressed to "Miss M. J. Bond, Mississippi, Monroe County, Abbedeen, Care Col. J. Carithers" as "my dear and affectionate daughter" and signed "S. Carithers." Two other letters of more recent dates were also found by her—I copy her statement, "Sometime before father's death (referring to C. P. Wilson of Troy, Tenn., who died in 1933) he had some correspondence with Mrs. L. B. McCullough, Charlotte, N. C., whose grandmother Jane Finley Wofford, moved from Tennessee to Mississippi many years ago, and since his death a letter has come to him from a Mrs. Mary Caruthers Sams, Meridian, Mississippi, who states that her father, Thomas Benton Caruthers, a son of Col. James Caruthers who married Styra (I am sure she means "Tyra") Finley, died before she could remember and she wants to know something about where Col. James Caruthers came from and where he lived in Tennessee."

Years of research had failed to produce so much as these announcements contained and correspondence with Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. Sams cleared the clouds from the history of James and his brother Samuel Caruthers and disclosed who was the wife of James; that Samuel was the step-father of Miss M. J. Bond, and discovered a Jane Finley Wofford. It was now possible to chart the family of James, and about the same time, somebody remembered that their grandmother, the wife of Samuel Caruthers, was Esther Finley Bond.





In reply to a letter to Mrs. John Trotwood Moore in her "Dropped Stitches of Southern History," a letter from Mrs. Roxanna Haynes of Greenville, Mississippi, stated that her grandmother, Jane Caruthers Finley was a daughter of Robert Caruthers, a soldier of the Revolutionary War who was closely associated with the Finleys of North Carolina during that war. From a half-dozen granddaughters of some degree of Jane Caruthers Finley and one grandson, we soon had a Finley family that covered thirty pages, prepared by Mr. Wm. Britton Finley of Hugo, Oklahoma. We had also found Jane Caruthers Finley's old spinning wheel and the cherry wood bookcase of her husband, Frank Finley, and the story would be incomplete without stating that long lost relatives had been restored to each other.

Extracts from a letter dated July 3, 1939 written by Mrs. Orlena Finley Bond of Denton, Texas, identifies most of the people about whom we have been writing; quoting, "I am the oldest living descendant of the Finley-Caruthers alliance. Being one of the younger children of the family, I do not have any recollection of my paternal grandmother, Jane Caruthers Finley. I was born in 1855. My recollection as a child of my grandfather Finley is very vivid. He was an old man when I first remember him. He lived in the house with our family, being waited upon by a woman whom we knew as "Aunt Rene"; however, he set this Aunt Rene free before he died which I think must have been in 1862. Because my grandmother wished it my father changed his original plan of building his house on a distant part of the farm, and attached it to my grandfather's house. I remember the house that was called the old Caruthers home. It was a large two-story yellow house situated on a clay bank about four miles west of Petersburg, Tennessee. It was in a state of bad repair when I passed on my way to school. I noticed that only some of the rooms seemed to be occupied. It was owned by a Mr. Dixon at that time and only one other place which was called the Tanner place separated the Caruthers home from the Finley home. My Uncle Carrol Finley lived on the north part of the plantation which belonged to my grandparents, Frank and Jane C. Finley and my father lived on the south part. I remember a very old mulatta woman who was called 'Aunt Sally Caruthers lived in a small cabin in the back of my





Uncle Carrol Finley's yard. She seemed to be alone, that is, she did not seem to belong to the group of negroes who belonged to my grandfather Finley. As I stated, the Caruthers place practically adjoined my grandfather Finley's plantation and there was a small graveyard as we called it between the two places though it was nearer the Caruthers' home than my grandfather's. My grandfather Finley was buried on his own plantation in his family burying plot and I presume my grandmother was also buried there.

"My mother often talked about my grandmother Finley and also "Uncle Bill" Caruthers but I do not know anything definite concerning them." Mrs. Bond recalls as a little girl going down to the big road to tell a Bob Caruthers, goodbye, when he started to Texas. Later she, herself, went to Sherman, Texas and found Bob had moved further west.

Jane Caruthers Finley, 12-14-1777 d. 10-13-1845 and her husband Frank Finley, 2-26-1775 d. 1-25-1863, had six children given in the following order: William Martin, father of Mrs. Bonds, Samuel Charles and Francis Carrol, ancestors of Mrs. Haynes, Esther first married Mr. Bond, next Samuel Caruthers Jr.; Tyra married Col. James Caruthers; and Jane Eliza, born Aug. 13, 1811 married Isaac Wofford, the ancestor of Mrs. McCullough. Mrs. Bonds was not aware that Luther Wofford, a son of Jane and Isaac Wofford, is living in Memphis, Tennessee and in good health at the age of 94 years; though his hearing and memory are quite impaired by age, and cannot remember who was the father of Jane Caruthers Finley, but remembered she had a brother William and that Robert L. Caruthers was his first cousin, but could not recall the facts of relationship. In July 1940, the author met Mrs. Bettie Lou Finley, widow of Newton Finley, at Petersburg, Tennessee. Her husband had been dead many years, and her information about the family had been gleaned from conversations with her husband; she being much younger than he did not know his generation, however, she described the peculiar characteristic of William, "Uncle Bill" Caruthers' tomb, and gave the author a copy of Frank Finley's will which divides the farm between his two sons William Martin and Samuel Carrol and does not mention his other heirs.

Mr. S. M. Carothers, the indefatigable research friend, has furnished us the following: "There are a large number of





Jane Caruthers—Carothers of whom I have record of marriages, except Jane, the daughter of Robert Carothers and Margaret White Carothers, and below is the list:

Jane, daughter of John and Sarah Carothers b. 1768, Pa. d. 1798, N. C., m. Samuel Neely, N. C.

Jane, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Carothers, 1775, N. C., m. Wm. Bell, N. C.

Jane, granddaughter of Andrew and Margaret Carothers, 1810-1872, m. in Miss.

Jane, dau. Rob't. and Margaret Scott Caruthers, b. 4-22-1799, N. C. m. Hodge. (See sketch Rob't. No. 2).

Jane, dau. of Robert and Margaret Carothers about 1702, N. C. m. Silas Travis, Tenn.

Jane, dau. of Hugh and Martha Carothers, after 1798, Tenn. m. Goodrum.

Jane, dau. of Rob't (or James) Caruthers and Margaret Gillespie Caruthers, N. C. m. Findley.

Jane, dau. of Robert and Margaret White Carothers after 1760. No further account. Went to Tenn. with her father after 1795. Wonder if the last two are the same?"

By recalling that Margaret Gillespie above was born between 1715 and 1720, and that Jane Caruthers, who married Frances Finley, was born 12-14-1777, and perhaps had younger brothers and sisters, Margaret Gillespie could hardly have been Jane's mother, and the surmise in last statement above of Mr. S. M. Carothers is quite to the point. A new Court house was built in Gallatin, Tenn., the home of Robert Carothers, a few years ago. Some of the old records were sent to the State Library at Nashville, Tennessee, but the State Librarian says the marriage records were not among them. The record should show Francis Finley and Jane Caruthers were married Nov. 22, 1797. (See sketch of Robert Carothers No. 1). Every known Jane, whose age fitted her as the wife of Francis Finley, is definitely eliminated except the daughter of Robert No. 1 and Margaret White Carothers. Margaret Gillespie was, almost beyond doubt the wife of a James Caruthers instead of Robert, but Jane Caruthers' father was Robert.





## SAMUEL CARUTHERS AND JANE LOONEY

So far as we have ascertained John Caruthers had a small family consisting of his son Samuel and possibly John and lived in Craven County, North Carolina in 1780, or at the time he made his application and was granted 220 acres of land in 1783. Robert No. 1 had a large family and lived in Burke or Mecklenburg County, N. C. and Samuel if he was Robert's son, might have been born as early as 1761 but probably not until after Robert who was born in 1762 or 1763. There was a Hugh Caruthers who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War from this same country who might have been an older brother of Robert and born about 1761, or he might have been a brother of the older Robert and John. No record is found of Samuel being in the war and he seems to have lived in Craven County, N. C., in 1780, when he made application for a land-grant. There is no record that he lived with his Uncle John, he was just a boy but it would have been quite natural for some older person to have assisted him in making his application for the grant and quite as natural for him to have made his selection in the same community of a relative. Anyhow, John and Samuel selected lands in Sullivan County, Tennessee, in the same community on the north side of the Holston River. The first U. S. Census taken in 1789 fails to list John as a citizen of North Carolina and he had possibly moved to Sullivan County, Tennessee, near the home of David Looney with whom the ancestor Hugh's family had been associated in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia prior to 1758, and Samuel was possibly living with his uncle John up to 1789, when he married the daughter of John's neighbor, Jane Looney. In 1795, he located his land grant No. 610 of 100 acres adjoining the land of his father-in-law, David Looney. John's son Samuel had married Jane Mackey of North Carolina, about the time his cousin Samuel married Jane Looney and in 1795 John gave to his son the 220 acre tract he had entered, and the two Samuels and the two Janes lived neighbors to each other until 1798 when Samuel and Jane Looney Caruthers sold their land and moved to Smith County, Tennessee, where their distinguished sons Robert L. and Abraham were born in 1800 and 1803 respectively. Thereafter the wife died and about 1806, Samuel married a young





woman, to whom were born a daughter and a son. About this time Samuel and his father-in-law, David Looney were taking quite an active part in what was known as the Free State of Franklin embroglio in which a separate State government was maintained for a period of two years in defiance of both Virginia and North Carolina. In 1810, Samuel was paralyzed and according to numerous statements he was completely incapacitated from attending to any activities whatever. At this time all his children were under age and it is said that Elizabeth who married Solomon DeBow and Mary who had married William Crawford, were very superior women and when the disaster befell their father, they looked after the welfare of Robert L. and Abraham who were under ten years of age.

The remainder of Samuel's life has been a closed book until by chance the records of Lincoln County, Tennessee, and a letter and a card disclosed the story of his retirement on a farm at the head of Cane Creek in Lincoln County belonging to William Caruthers known as "Uncle Bill". The gift of 300 acres of the same farm to the heirs of Samuel and the distribution of the same, the details of the transactions are told in the sketch devoted to William Caruthers.

If the author's imagination has taken him beyond some of the actual details of the unwritten record, it has been only the natural filler of human experience and has not changed the facts that are of record, and no one can read between the lines of the actions of these characters who met the catastrophe in the life of Samuel Caruthers and directed his affairs and those of his helpless family during the several years following his paralysis without a definite record to the contrary and arrive at a conclusion adverse to that of the author, that William (Uncle Bill), Robert No. 3, and Jane Caruthers Finley were the brothers and sister of Samuel Caruthers, and recalling that two of Jane Caruthers Finley's daughters married their cousins, the grandsons of John, and other contacts of the two families we must conclude until we have more direct evidence to the contrary that John and Robert No. 1 were brothers, the sons of Hugh and Sarah and were the parties mentioned in Hugh's will.

The author would have been grateful for a shorter route to the same or different conclusion, if someone had had it,





but as this has been my hobby, time has meant nothing but pleasure; the old musty records have told more delightful stories than any fiction I have ever read, I have been twice pleased, once when the facts were discovered and again when I am afforded this opportunity to tell about them.

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### JAMES CARUTHERS AND TYRA FINLEY

When one gets to the top of a dead end road and there is nowhere to go it is disappointing to turn back or sit and wait for something to turn up, but that is just the condition we were in when we wanted to know what became of James and Samuel Caruthers, Jr. All their contemporary relatives were dead and none of them had taken time to write a diary telling future generations what they did and where they were on May 19, 1848, but Samuel wrote a letter on that day to his step-daughter, Martha, who was visiting his brother, James Caruthers, and Martha's great granddaughter found the letter about 90 years later and that is how James and Samuel were discovered. Ninety one years after the letter, Mrs. Corine McCullough of New York, a descendant of Jane Finley Wofford, an aunt of Martha's, visited the City of Aberdeen, Mississippi, and found James' will in which he gave his wife, Tyra, 100 acres of land, houses, stock, carriages, utensils and slaves; then he gave to each child or descendant a share and several slaves, naming the daughter, Tyra Emeranda Wakefield, his sons, Thomas B. Caruthers and Joseph Caruthers, his grandchildren, children of a deceased daughter, Elizabeth Pruitt and her husband, John Pruitt; his granddaughter, Ida Caruthers, infant daughter of deceased son, James B. Caruthers. Thomas and Joseph were appointed executors. There is no intimation why the name of his son Judge John P. Caruthers of Memphis, Tennessee was omitted from the list of beneficiaries.

Tombstones at the Aberdeen, Mississippi cemetery tell the following stories: "Thomas B. Caruthers was born June 27, 1834; died June 19, 1892". "Joseph J. Caruthers was born June 23, 1837; died Jan. 3, 1892." "Statira, wife of James Caruthers, was born Jan. 23, 1800; died July 5, 1871." Neither the grave of James Caruthers or his daughter Tyra Emeranda





Wakefield are marked but are supposed to be in the same cemetery. James died Nov. 11, 1859, and his daughter, Emeranda, after 1890.

There is no record of the birthdate of James Caruthers but from the record of his appointments as administrator of the estate of John Caruthers in Lincoln County, Tennessee in 1815 and his father's estate in 1818, he must have been of age, and hence born before 1794. Matthew was born in 1796 and Samuel Jr. and Fanny after 1804 according to the Census report.

There are a number of grants of land to James Caruthers but only one, of 8 acres, a North Carolina military grant for services in the War of 1812, dated June 15, 1816, it is reasonably certain was made to him.

It was he of whom it was said that a daughter of Jane Caruthers Finley had married her cousin, James Caruthers. His wife's tombstone records her name as Statira, but she and a number of her descendants were familiarly called "Tyra". It is not known when James moved from Lincoln County, Tennessee to Aberdeen, Mississippi. He lived in Tennessee in 1840 and he lived in Mississippi in 1848. His wife's youngest sister, Jane Finley Wofford, and her family moved from Giles County, Tennessee to Mississippi in 1842. James acquired a very large estate in lands in Monroe and Chickasaw Counties, Mississippi.

Following is a sketch of James Caruther's family prepared by his granddaughter, Mrs. Mary K. Sams of Memphis, Tennessee, a daughter of Thomas Benton Caruthers:

2, John P. Caruthers, the eldest son, was a prominent lawyer and Circuit Judge in Memphis, Tenn., and later moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he continued the practice of law. He was twice married. 3, Malcolm, of the first marriage, also became a prominent lawyer in Chicago. By the second marriage to Flora McNeil there were three sons and a daughter: James, Robert, Thomas and Elizabeth. 2, James the second son of Col. James, studied law at the University of Virginia, practiced the profession at Columbus, Miss., married Miss Humphreys and died leaving an infant, Ida. 2, Robert became ill on his way to the same law school in Virginia, and died sudden-





ly. 2, Tyra Emeranda was educated in Tennessee, married Dr. Wakefield and died childless. 2, Elizabeth married a merchant, John Pruitt, and had two children: 3, John who became a lawyer, and 3, Elizabeth. 2, Joseph was a merchant in Monroe County, Miss., and never married. 2, Thomas Benton was also educated at the University of Virginia and became a large planter and land owner in Mississippi. He married Margaret Baskin, the only daughter of Dr. James H. Baskin and Mary Elizabeth Featherstone. Dr. Baskin was killed in the War between the States and the daughter made her home with her great uncle, Gen. Winfield Scott Featherstone. She on her mother's side was an Alston of Carolina. Thomas Benton Caruthers had one child, 3, Mary who became the wife of Judge Wm. C. Sams of Meridian, Mississippi. He died in 1935 leaving his widow, Mary Caruthers Sams, four sons and one daughter, towit: 4, William C. Sams, Captain in the U. S. Air Corps from West Point. He married Mrs. Lillian Harris Kirk. 4, Margaret, the daughter, married Captain W. H. Tunner, in the U. S. Air Corps from West Point. 4, Joseph Ozburn, a lawyer of Meridian, Miss., married Lucille Jones of Monroe, La. 4, Dr. James Edward Sams of Tulane Medical School. 4, Lucius Featherstone, a lawyer of Meridan, Miss., his wife was Lillian Reid Peebles.

James Caruthers was called "Colonel" whether complimentary by his friends or that he was an officer in the War of 1812 is not known.

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### SAMUEL CARUTHERS AND ESTHER FINLEY BOND

Samuel was the youngest son of Samuel Sr. and Jane Mackey Caruthers. The Census report of 1820 places him and his sister Fanny under 16 and over 10, and the next information we have of him is that in March 1840 his step-daughter Martha Bond born 1-16-1827 and Emeranda Caruthers a daughter of his brother James about the same age called at Mathew's home to see a new baby and named her. He and his wife were about 35 years of age at this time. He had married Mrs. Esther Finley Bond a sister of Tyra, his





brother James' wife, and lived in the community of the parental home on Bradshaw Creek. The Census of 1850 does not record him either in Lincoln or Obion County, Tennessee to which place he moved about this date. He purchased a farm (what was later known as the Blanton Farm) about two miles southwest of Troy and a mile north of the Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he and his family lived.

Neither the date of his or his wife's death have been preserved. They are supposed to be buried in the Camp Ground Cemetery a quarter of a mile east of the church where the hill begins to drop to the east, where many of the old settlers are buried.

His two sons, James and Lawson, moved to Union City in the northern part of Obion County where their descendants now live. Their daughters married in the community of their home the substantial farmers and business men nearby and the step-daughter Martha Bond, having lost her first husband, L. C. Williamson in 1854, married Jas. S. Moffatt, a merchant of Troy, Tennessee on May 14th, 1860. She died 1-30-1904. Martha had one daughter, Eliza Greene Williamson Aug. 9, 1850—October 1903; married Geo. B. Wilson, a merchant of Troy; their son Carroll Percy, 1-16-1870 d. 1-5-1933, married Edith Hastings Nall, 1-1-1896, had one daughter, Martha Hilton, born 4-12-1897 and on 7-22-1918 she married Stanley D. Carpenter. They live in Little Rock, Arkansas. Samuel and Esther Finley Bond Caruthers had five or six children as follows: Tyra, Mary, James, Samuel Lawson, Sally, and Samuel, another daughter.

2, Tyra married Marion Woodard and had four children as follows: Luther, Steve, Lula Bob and Susie; 3, Luther married Maggie Flatt and had two children, 4, Bascom and 4, Max. 4, Max married Bob Sanford. 3, Lula Bob married Mr. Roper and 3, Susie married Wm. E. Ray.

2, Mary married Steve Sanford. Three children were born: 3, Steve married Lida Robberson, 3, Jimmie, and 3, Fannie who married Jas. McDonald. Fannie died in 1927; she had six children as follows: 4, Polk, 4, Baxter, 4, Banks, 4, Simon, 4, Louise and 4, Darrell.





2, James lived in Union City, Tenn., married Sam Ella Corum; they had five children, 3, Robert, married Zanna Reeves, 3, Willard, 3, James Reeves, 3, Birdie, 3, Dewitt, married Inez Morgan.

2, Samuel Lawson lived near Union City, Tenn., married Fannie Sanford Corum, sister of his brother James' wife. They had seven children Arch, Annie, Essie, Sudie, Lawson, Steve and Pierce. 3, Arch married twice, 1st, Lena Perm; 2nd Mrs. Ida Rice to whom were born Harold Rice and Mary who married Dr. E. M. Carter. She died in 1938 leaving an adopted son. 3, Annie married Jas. Barham and had two children, 4, Jas. O. and 4, Genevieve. 3, Essie, 3, Sadie married Oliver Burnett, had one child, 4, Olive Sue, died 1938. 3, Lawson married Mabell Stovall and had five children: 4, Frances, 4, S. L., 4, Stovall, 4, Mary Catherine and 4, Arch O. 3, Steve first married Velna Floyd and next Erma Lee Isbell. 3, Pierce married Lila Littleton and has a daughter 4, Lila Sue.

2, Sally married Robert Wright and lived at Obion, Tenn.; she had six children, 3, Sally, married Will Adams, 3, Bob, 3, Mattie, 3, John married Zula Dean and has one child, 4, Pauline, 3, Ira married Lula Dean, a sister of Zula, 3, William and 3, Beulah who married Bus Flannagan and has five children, 4, Thelma, 4, Ione, 4, Earl, 4, Bernice and 4, W. J. 2, There is a tradition that there was a daughter named Samuel who married and died leaving several children but there is no authentic record of her or her family.

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### FANNY R. CARUTHERS

As stated elsewhere Samuel Caruthers Sr. moved from Sullivan County, Tennessee to Lincoln County about 1813 and as Fanny was between the ages of 10 and 16 in the Census of 1820 she might have been born in either county. The records of Lincoln County state she was married to Wiley Ware on March 7th, 1838. They had two sons, Samuel and James K. Polk. A letter addressed by Samuel Ware a short while before the Civil War to his Uncle Samuel Caruthers thanks him for affording him an opportunity to attend school. It is thought he attended school at Beech Grove taught by Charles Wright. He married Leannah Jackson of Obion County, Ten-





nessee, to whom was born one daughter, Fanny Samuel Ware. Both Samuel and James K. Polk Ware were in the Confederate service and are reported to have been killed in the Peach Orchard Battle near Atlanta, Georgia in 1862. Fanny R. Ware died August 18, 1859 at the home of her brother Samuel Caruthers, a short distance south of Troy, Tenn., and is most probably buried in the Camp Ground Cemetery nearby.

Her granddaughter 2, Fanny Samuel Ware married Leander L. Kelley December 12, 1879, in Obion County. They had a family of nine children, as follows: William E., Elgie, Fred L., Leannah, Ellen, Mary, Pleasant, Emma and Nell. 3, William E. 11-23-1882 d. 8-7-1922 married Bess Puckett and had one daughter Lee Neil Kelley. 3, Elgie 9-20-1884 d. 10-5-1918, married A. L. Rhodes and had one son, Kelley Lee Rhodes, 3, Fred L, married Mary Moore a daughter of Judge Alex Moore of Union City, Tenn.; they have two sons, 4, Fred L. Jr. and 4, Charles. 3, Leannah 4-13-1889 m. James Cochran of Paducah Kentucky and has two children. 4, Francis and 4, Jane Ware. 3, Ellen 12-31-1890 is single and lives at Steele, Mo., 3, Mary 3-4-1896 m. Dr. J. W. Robbins and has two children 4, Martha Ware and 4, Bill. 3, Pleasant 12-24-1893 m. Winnie I. Talley and lives in Steele, Mo. They have one son 4, David. 3, Emma 3-3-1898 m. Willard Armstrong and lives at Steele, Mo. and has four sons: 4, Willard Jr., 4, John, 4, Joe, and 4, Robert. 3, Nell 4-18-1900 died at the age of four years.

Fanny Samuel Kelley 11-26-1861 lived in Obion and Lake Counties, Tenn. with her husband until his death 8-15-1903. For several years she has lived with her children at Steele, Mo.

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### AN OLD HOME ON BRADSHAW CREEK

Lying north of the highway from Fayetteville to Memphis, just east of Bradshaw Creek which is near the dividing line between Lincoln and Giles Counties, Tennessee, lies a beautiful valley about half mile wide to the foot of the hill. When we saw it in July 1940 it was full of dark green growing corn. After crossing the creek going east, we saw in the foot





hills two large farm houses about half a mile apart lying along the road running north from the highway. We stopped at the southern house which was a double two-story building with broad veranda along the whole front facing west; to the north about 50 feet was a spring under a big beech tree. In order to get to the spring it was necessary to walk down a half dozen steps cut in layers of rock. The basin of the spring was about four feet square, had been cut out of the solid rock. It had been prepared with great difficulties and had been a most useful necessity for a big family in years gone by, however, it was not now in use. Several pictures were taken of the spring, and also of the house which was weather boarded, but years had been unkind to it and repairs and paint would have made a difference and given it the dignity the big farm it over-looked demanded. At the southeast corner of the building some weather boarding had been torn off, and underneath showed the old logs out of which it had originally been constructed and had later been covered with the weather boarding. The people who lived there had known the place for many years. We saw Mr. J. H. Gunter who had lived close by for 98 years. He said the location of the houses had not been changed during his recollection; that he remembered the Caruthers family owned several hundred acres between Mackburg and Bradshaw Creek: that Mackburg was two miles east; that they moved away when he was a boy, and he did not know what became of them.

Tradition says there was a big spring close to the house, and a creek that the children used to wade in, not far away. A deed dated Nov. 4, 1852 recorded in Book 2 at pages 402-3 in the Registrar's office at Fayetteville executed by James, Jane, Samuel, Matthew Caruthers and Fanny R. Ware conveyed 3 acres of land on Bradshaw's Creek to Wm. P. Smith, and here was Bradshaw Creek and a big spring and an old, old log house that had been made new with weather boarding, and the boards had gotten old, very old, and we wondered could this be the home of Matthew Caruthers in which all his girls and boys were born; and here, most probably too, the oldest daughter Lucinda was married to James L. Reeves, a farmer boy of the community, in 1844. Mr. Gunter had been born in 1842 and went to school in the community and was 10 years of age when Matthew Caruthers and his family





moved away to West Tennessee and, well, of course, another log house could have replaced the old, and maybe Matthew didn't live here at all, but it would be hard to find a place that the facts and traditions fitted so completely.

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### MATHEW CARUTHERS

At the Camp Ground Cemetery about three miles south west of Troy, Tennessee and a quarter of a mile east of the main highway, where the hill begins to drop to the east is the Mathew Caruthers' section of the old burying ground which now extends to the road and church. There are two stones marking Mathew's grave, one an ordinary flat stone, three feet in height, had been broken and in August 1931, Nellie Miller Wells and Ruth Wright, two great granddaughters replaced the broken top and took a picture of it on which was the following legend: "Mathew Caruthers Born Oct. 13, 1796, Died June 6, 1857". The other stone, a shaft about eight or ten inches square and four feet high stands beside the other, and in addition to the above legend is that of his wife "Francis Chiles Caruthers, Born April 20, 1806, Died Aug. 27, 1882."

A picture of Frances Chiles Caruthers was taken about 1869, but the severe features do not picture the kindly heart hidden within, for those of the grandchildren who can remember her can testify they never heard a harsh word from her lips, and the author has a recollection that when his mother was sick for a long while he and his brother both under six years, stayed with her — we climbed everything from the hayloft to the ladder down into the cellar where the yellow yams grew and never a word of interference. She survived Mathew twenty-five years.

A study of the Census reports of the early times tells us more of the record of the families than any other record available, towit: The census of 1850 states that Mathew was born in Tennessee. His grandfather, John Caruthers, had the year before he was born, given his father Samuel a 220 acre farm in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and there, most probably, Mathew, his younger brother Samuel and sister were born.





According to the census of 1850, the census enumerator listed the mother Janes' home as No. 1110 and Mathew's as 1111 which would indicate that they lived on adjoining farms. The census of 1820 of Lincoln County, Tennessee, lists the following: Jane, James, Andrew, William (no doubt, the Uncle Bill of the chapter of collateral kin) John and Mary, a widow. Mathew and his brother Sam and sister Fanny were listed with Jane as under 26 years of age. The census of 1830 lists Jane and a daughter under 30 together, and Mathew with one son and two daughters under 5, William and Andrew. The 1840 census lists Mathew, one son and six females under 15; Samuel and his wife under 40 and 1 son and 7 females under 15 and one female over 60.

Fanny had married in 1838 and probably Jane not being listed separately was listed with Samuel's family as over 60. James Caruthers was listed with 4 sons under 20 and 2 daughters under 15. A Jas. G. and John F. Caruthers are listed also. The 1850 census lists Jane again, of the age of 78, "born in North Carolina," and Mathew with the names and ages of each of his children at home, but his oldest daughter had married in 1844 and his oldest son probably in medical school, hence their names do not appear. His brother Samuel does not appear in the lists of either Lincoln or Obion County, William, "Uncle Bill" had lived in Lincoln County until Marshall County was cut off on the Northwest in 1836. We have no other record of the others whose names appear in the reports. Andrew's home was down on Cold Water Creek, a few miles south of the settlement on Bradshaw Creek.

There are records of many Caruthers purchasers of large bodies of land in Lincoln and other counties of whom we have no other record.

Mathew unlike his older brother James, was too young to be in the War of 1812 and died before the War between the States, but the slavery troubles had begun to appear in Lincoln County before 1850. All the Caruthers were not of one mind with reference to that vital political question of the times, and if they owned slaves some disposed of them and moved away to the north, some stayed in the South and were suspected of aiding slaves to escape to Free states





through the dubbed "Underground railway" and later with the taint of what now would be termed a member of the "fifth column" they sought safer security in the North.

Mathew's mother, Jane, died in 1852. He owned many slaves and perhaps the seculsion of the uncut forests of the rich bottoms of the Obion and Mississippi rivers which the bear-hunting congressman, David Crockett had made famous with his unerring rifle, afforded more security for his slaves than the more populous settlements in Lincoln County, so in 1852 he purchased about 600 acres of land just above the backwaters of the Obion River where immense Oaks, Hickory and Beech made a paradise for raising hogs; and poplars five and six feet in diameter afforded building material for houses and fences, and when cleared grew the tall corn, wheat and hay. Oats grew too rank and were unprofitable. He loaded his family and all his household goods and slaves in the prairie schooner type of wagons and with provisions for two weeks started on the long trek of 150 miles to Obion County. He is supposed to have entered the county by Wallace's water mill a mile east of Rives; thence to Troy where the family separated, his son-in-law, James Reeves going northwest to the community of Ebenezer Cumberland Presbyterian Church; his brother Samuel may have preceded him and had settled southwest of Troy; his sister Fanny settled in the southwest part of the county near Wilsonville and Mathew drove on by Samuel's place, the Camp Ground, and turned to the southeast about four miles and thereafter spending some time with friends while he prepared his home, on the north side of a 400 acre farm "Far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife", he built a two-story house of logs hewn from poplar trees, and for each of his families of slaves he built as good a house as his own, though smaller, and of the same material. The cabins, and some of the original occupants, the remains of an old prairie schooner wagon, the tan yard and the blacksmith shop were still there, grim reminders of a glamorous age that had gone forever as we of a younger generation remember the place after the Civil War.

After his death, Mathew's widow carried on and with the help of the slaves, managed to feed and clothe her family and the slaves until the Civil War with all its horrors, at which time, she told her sons and sons-in-law if they wished





to join the Confederate army she would carry on and provide for their families until they should return. Some took advantage of her offer. The emancipation proclamation disconcerted her plans for only a short while, for while the slaves flocked to the towns and villages hoping to live in perfect happiness and ease, they soon found that the hand that struck their shackles away, also struck away their bread ticket, their doctor's care, and their shelters, and within two weeks, they were back again begging to be given back the liberties of which they had been deprived. The old slaves lived and died in their little cabins; what they lacked of the necessities of life, were provided by the children of Mathew and Fanny Caruthers, and seventy years after they were freed, a young negress mother, knowing that she must soon die, called on a great-grandson of Mathew Caruthers and begged that she might give him her ten year old son, and he accepted the gift in the spirit in which it was made and the trust was faithfully kept.

The Chancery Court records of Obion County, Tennessee, Book 111 at page 114 and Book 119 at page 118 of September and October 1883 are records of sales of two tracts of land aggregating about 600 acres, the proceeds of which were distributed between Mathew Caruthers' children as follows: S. K. Caruthers 2-11 (his own share and P. C. Caruthers' share); Nancy A. Wilson 1-11; Lucinda Reeves 1-11; Sarah Miller 1-11; Amanda McMurray 1-11; Martha E. Wright 1-11; Musadora Williams 1-11; Eliza McMurray 1-11; and John A. Caruthers 1-11. Alpine Emmons, Fannie Markham and Orlena Gill received the share of their deceased mother Marilda Emmons 1-11. There were twelve children but one son Monroe Caruthers had died in the Confederate service at Corinth, Mississippi. He was never married.

Following is a list of the descendants of Mathew Caruthers and his wife Fannie Chiles Caruthers.

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### LUCINDA J. CARUTHERS

The story is told that when her father was distributing his estate, he gave to each of his children a negro slave except to Lucinda J., who had married James L. Reeves, who was opposed to slavery, and as a compromise of conflicting politi-





cal views, Mathew Caruthers gave to Lucinda the sum of \$500.00 in lieu of a slave.

1. Lucinda J. Caruthers, 3-13-1826 d. 4-19-1911, was the first born of Mathew and Fanny Caruthers. The marriage record of Lincoln County, Tennessee, states "James L. Reeves to Lucinda J. Caruthers. Executed at the home of Mathew Caruthers on the 15th day of October, 1844 by solemnizing the rite of Matrimony between the parties.—Butler, J. P." They had six children, as follows: Nancy Elizabeth (Sis) and Olive were born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, John, Musadora A., Minnie Alice and James L. Jr. were born in Obion County. 2, Nancy E. Reeves, 12-15-1848 m. 2-10-1870 Wm. Andrew Dollins. ch. 3, Wm. Andrew Dollins, Jr. 12-27-1870 m. 7-15-1900, Jennie M. Runcle, 4-5-1883. Their children, 4, Wm. Andrew Dollins III, 3-10-1910; 4, Lucinda Jane Dollins, 1-15-1912. 4, Helen Lillie Dollins, 11-19-1913; 4, Bertha Elizabeth Dollins, 8-5-1916. 2, Nancy E. Dollins, about 1875, married a second time, J. L. Davis. ch. Musadora Seapearl, Elmund K., Emmett Alpine, Earl Max, Lucinda Jane, Josie Olive, John L., Nancy E., and Lincoln Ernest. 3, Seapearl, 8-19-1876, m. Albert Scrivnor, 5-28-1893. ch. Vincil, Oren, Leonetta, Albert, Edna, Mattie, Clifford, Hazel, Teddie, Floyd. 3, Elmund K. Davis, 1-12-1879 d. 6-26-1920, m. 2-28-1909, Hattie Hooper, 10-26-1888, ch. Ruth, 6-13-1910, Ralph, 4-12-1911, Mildred, 11-28-1912, and Earl, 5-1-1914. 3, Emmett Alpine Davis, 4-10-1881 m. Delah Armstrong; ch. Clare, Nancy, Elizabeth, Lula May, Emmett and Donald. 3, Lucinda Davis, 8-12-1885 m. 5-18-1908, John P. Delaney, d. 1-14-1920. ch. Earl Leo, 5-21-1909, John Lewis, 3-21-1912, Thomas M. Delaney, 9-7-1913, Kathleen Angela, 2-15-1916. 3, Josie Olive Davis, 8-22-1887 m. 3-17-1909, Fred Myers, 11-14-1885. ch. Lyle Osten, 10-7-1912, Verlyn Fred, Colene, Billy Dean, Bobby and the baby. 3, Lincoln E. Davis, 3-6-1895 m. 7-24-1920, Hazel Johnston. ch. Beatrice Jean, Maxine Jane, Bonnie May, Richard, Larry and the baby.

2, Olive Orlena Reeves, 6-14-50 m. 7-30-74, Jasper Winfield Wallace; ch. Olive Belle, 4-20-75 d. 1-16-76, Walter Winfield d. 1938, Esther Lucinda 8-12-79 d. 11-14-1926, Warren Strickland, Stafford Ray, Orlena Luvica, Bertha Elizabeth, Ada Minnie, Fannie Mae, Joseph Logan. 3, Walter Winfield Wallace 11-30-76 m. Blanche Schultz 8-5-33, ch. Dorcas Lor-





ene 4-12-34. 3, Warren Strickland Wallace, 9-18-81 m. 8-26-12, Ethel Brooks, ch. Gordon Warren 4-15-32. 3, Stafford Ray Wallace 10-25-83 m. 6-9-22, Edna Blackenstine, ch. Ray 3-20-23, Olive Elizabeth 2-13-25 and Ralph Douglas 4-10-30. 3, Orlena Luvica Wallace 1-26-86 m. 1-11-22, Harry Hollingsworth, ch. Ruby, Marie 1-11-23, Wanda Pearl 1-28-24, Lela May 9-21-25. 3, Bertha Elizabeth Wallace 1-30-88 m. 10-24-22 Kenneth Watts, ch. Robert 10-15-23, Dale Kenneth 11-18-25, Wayne Jasper 3-16-29. 3, Ada Minnie Wallace 5-10-90 m. 7-22-15, Russell Arms, ch. 4, Helen Gertrude 5-28-15, 4, Wallace Russel, 4, Opal Irene 9-14-18, Ruth Ada 10-11-20, 4, Paul Ray 8-16-22, 4, Wallace Russel 11-19-16 m. 7-30-37 Clarice Simcox, ch. 5, Marylyn Ruth 6-1-38, 4, Opal Irene Arms m. Edward Eitel and 4, Paul Ray Arms m. Helen Lacour. 3, Fannie Mae Wallace 5-29-92 m. 7-17-21 Oder Ray. 3, Jasper Logan Wallace 2-4-95 m. 10-22-21 Lorene Mae Hutchinson, ch. 4, Emery Logan 7-24-22 and 4, Olive May 10-20-24.

2, John Reeves, 1852, was married and left three children, Oscar of Bennett Switch, Indiana, Florence Jones of Detroit, Michigan, and Lucia who married a Mr. Sanders. They left one child, Edna Delilah, 12-30-1900 m. 12-1-1919 Thomas Joseph Finneran 11-28-90 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They have four boys, Edward Powers 11-5-23, Thomas Joseph 11-17-26, John Francis 8-8-31, and Richard Douglas 12-23-34.

2, Musadora Anderson Reeves 1855 d. 1-19-18, m. 12-5-78. John Nathan Hardin, ch. James Logan, Samuel Arthur, Joseph Washington, Carrie Mae, Bertie, Cora and Monte. 3, James Logan Hardin 8-29-79 m. 12-19-19, Rose Cantrell, ch. 4, Lloyd Tillman 6-2-24, 4, James L. 7-30-26. 3, Samuel Arthur Hardin 3-7-81 m. 12-17-04, Daisy Studly, ch. Samuel Lerskov, Loretta, Olita, John Nathaniel, J. D., James Leroy, Musadora M., Fred Ray and Mary Lou. 4, Loretta Hardin 1-7-09 was twice married; first to J. E. Parsons and later to T. R. Brown. 4, Olita Hardin 9-22-11 m. 2-22-30, V. B. Ragsdale, ch. 5, Betty Lee, 10-31-30, 5, Marcia Leta 10-28-39, 5, Vivian Louise 8-29-41. 4, John Nathaniel Hardin 5-5-14 m. Mildred Glassy; ch. Samuel, Jeanne, Kathleen, the twins, Marilyn Josephine and Marion Jacquelin 8-11-42, 4, J. D. Hardin 1-15-20 m. Jackie Bush, 1941, 4, James Leroy Hardin 9-9-23 m. 1941, Christine Holt, a daughter born 10- -42. 3, Joseph Washington Hardin 3-29-83 m. 6-27-16, Bell Huffman. 3,





Carrie Mae Hardin 7-20-85 m. 10-5-15, Tillman Elkins, who died in 1942; ch. 3, Bertie Hardin 3-4-88 m. 12-28-18 Charles A. Adams; ch. 4, Charles 11-28-19, 4, Nathan F. 1-9-21, 3, Cora L. Hardin 9-30-90 d. 7-30-91, 3, Monte H. Hardin 1-14-93 m. 1-14-19 Blanche Gardner; ch. 4, Eugene B. 2-19-20 and 4, Dorothy Mae 5-6-21 m. 5-2-41 Roy Torbitt. The family has centered around Claremore and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2, Minnie Alice Reeves 1-26-62 d. 10-21-38, m. 2-12-80 James M. Denny, their children, Lloyd, Benjamin F., Charles Wright, Carlisle Marshall, Paul Caruthers, Maude and Clarke Andrew. 3, Lloyd Denny 1-14-81 m. Lilly Davis and 4, Lloyd Jr. is their son. 3, Benj. F. Denny 7-19-83 m. Gwynne Hardin, ch. 4, James Hardin and 4, Evely. 3, Charles Wright Denny 3-15-85 m. first Bertha Hart and second Lida Reed, ch. 4, Mary Virginia and 4, Charles Wright, Jr. 3, Carlisle Marshall Denny 2-25-87 d. 11-27-28 m. Pearl Valliance, ch. 4, Robert Marshall, 4, Phillis Marian and 4, Gene Carlisle. 3, Paul Caruthers Denny 11-3-89 lives in Memphis, Tennessee. 3, Maude Denny 3-6-92 m. Charles Henry Black, ch. 4, Charles Denny and 4, Robert Henry. 3, James Logan Reeves 4-7-69 has remained single and lives at Rea Heights, S. D.

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### DR. JOHN ALEXANDER CARUTHERS

Dr. John Alexander Caruthers 12-24-1828 d. 9-15-1897 the second child of Mathew and Fannie Chiles Caruthers was perhaps born at the farm on Bradshaw Creek in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He was probably named for Alexander Mackey, a brother of his grandmother, Jane Mackey Caruthers. Little is known of his early life; however he was a witness to a deed of Stephen M. Emmons to Mathew Caruthers in September 1848. The deed recites one call touching land of Jane Caruthers in Lincoln Co.; He was possibly a grantee of 100 acres on North Elk River in the same year, wherein David M. Gill was grantor.

He studied medicine and went West before 1860, practicing at Waldron, Arkansas, and moving about 1880 to Fort Smith, where he died. On 6-20-1862 he enlisted in Company A, Gordon's Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry, C.S.A. He was mar-





ried 7-31-1861 to Minnie Bell 9-14-1842 d. 6-26-1913 daughter of Henry Peoples Bell of Greenwood, Ark., and to this union were born two sons, Elmo and Fred. 2, Elmo Caruthers 10-13-1864 d. 1-19-1923 attended Arkansas University and lived most of his life in Fort Smith, where he conducted a mercantile business. On 9-15-1903 he married Daisy Miller b. 11-21-1875 and they have two children, Elmo, Jr., and Frances. 3, Elmo, Jr., b 6-1-1905 graduated from Taft School 1924 and Cornell 1928 and is a mechanical engineer, single, and now a Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. 3, Frances Caruthers b 9-1-1908 graduated from Ethel Walker School 1927 and on 11-15-1935 was married to Dr. William H. Cassebaum of New York City, now a Major, U.S.A. They have one child, 4, Frances Caruthers Cassebaum b 4-13-1942. 2, Fred Caruthers 2-14-1869 d. 7- - 1915 like his father made a study of medicine graduating from Maryland and practicing his profession in Baltimore, where he was a founder of Franklin Square Hospital, and his picture is in the lobby. He was married twice but left no children.

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### NANCY ANN CARUTHERS

1, Nancy Ann Caruthers 8-24-1830 d. 10-2-1910, was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, on a farm on Bradshaw Creek that was near the dividing line between Lincoln and Giles Counties, near where the highway from Fayetteville to Memphis, Tenn., crosses said creek. She was a young woman when the family moved to Obion County, Tennessee and settled about two miles northwest of where the town of Obion now stands. This was not far from the land owned by Mr. Wm. Wilson and his wife, familiarly known as "Aunt Becky", and their son, William M. Wilson, was soon an interested caller. Nancy Ann and William M. Wilson were married 5-24-1853 and soon thereafter built a home in the northwest corner of Troy, Tennessee, from where William M. looked after his large and growing interests in land in Obion and Lake Counties. Many are the interesting stories told of his long, tireless walks to and from his farms separated by long distances. Here at Troy they raised their family of six children. Ella Clark, Alfonso, Manatee 7-19-1860 d, 3-29-1884, Tranquilla, Ethelreed Westbrook (Dock), Tench Carson (Pink) 4-2-1867.





2, Ella Clark Wilson 7-25-57 d. 11-28-1933, m. 2-26-77 George B. Morris. Ch. Thomas O., Wm. M., Natalia T. 10-14-82 d. 9-11-84, Geo. B. Jr., 11-1-84 d. 9-28-85, Pink Baxter, 8-12-86 d. 10-2-36, Ethelred A., Anna Bess, James Arthur, 11-15-92 d. 11-17-93, Robert S., Benjamin Wiles 9-12-96, Narcissa A. 1-14-98 d. 1-28-98, Herbert A. Thomas O., Ethelred A., Benjamin Wiles and Herbert A., and S. I. Smith, husband of Anna Bess, are graduates of Cumberland University Law School at Lebanon, Tennessee. The Morris brothers practiced law at the old home town of Obion, and S. I. Smith was for many years connected with the Frisco R. R.

3, Thomas Overton Morris 9-28-1879 d. 3-9-1942, m. 2-33, Linda Harris of Tiptonville, Tennessee. No issue. 3, Wm. M. Morris 2-28-81 m. 5-28-05, Elzia Jackson. Ch. Evelyn Estelle, Inez Overton, Ethel Jackson. 4, Evelyn Estelle Morris 2-25-1906 m. 3-9-23 Paul Berry. Ch. 5, Jack Morris, 4-12-24, 5, Martha Inez 8-2-28, 5, Billy Paul Berry 3-6-32. 4, Inez Overton Morris 5-15-07 m. 6-8-31, Carl Henry Cope. 4, Ethel Jackson Morris 1-26-09 m. 5-28-26, Baker DeGraffenried Springfield. Ch. 5, Eleanor 3-13-28. 5, Baker DeGraffenreid, Jr. 3-4-32.

3, Ethelred A. Morris 12-9-88 m. 11-16-29 Lorraine Hughey. Ch. 4, E. A. Morris, Jr. 2-15-31. In 1941 the senior Morris was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of his district. 3, Anna Bess Morris 6-17-90 m. 11-22-11, S. I. Smith. Ch. Wilson Miner, Irma, Benjamin Morris Allen, Slyvia IsabElla. 4, Wilson Miner Smith 11-9-12 m. 4-16-38, Margaret Carlton Lewis. 3, Robert S. Morris 9-19-94 m. Bennie Fox. Ch. 4, Elizabeth Wilson Morris. 3, Herbert A. Morris 4-6-02 m. 4-6-33 Mayme Bess Hubbs. Ch. 4, Herbert A., Jr. 9-3-37.

2, Alphonso Wilson 1-27-57 m. Nezzie Wilson. Ch. 3, Grace a licensed lawyer m. Cecil Simms, a lawyer of Nashville, Tennessee. Ch. Cecil, Wilson, Grace and Betty.

2, Tranquilla Wilson 2-24-62 d. 10-2-08 m. Dr. Baxter Sharp. Ch. Anna Mae, Callie V., Wm. Wilson and Louise. 3, Anna Mae Sharp 10-17-86 m. Dr. Edward Long. Ch. Elsie 1-22-10, Evelyn and James Edward 11-22-16 d. 11-9-35. 4, Evelyn Sharp Long 10-26-11 m. 1942 David Quarles. 3, Callie V. Sharp 12-19-28 m. Otis Bogle of Brinkley, Ark. Ch. Tranquilla Sharp 4-2-09 d. 11-22-17. 4, Francis Sharp Bogle 9-25-





11 m. Iva Woddfin of Little Rock, Ark. 3, William Wilson Sharp 12-18-91, a lawyer of Brinkley, Arkansas, m. Carrie Louise Rusher. Ch. 4, James Baxter Sharp 10-1-20. 4, Jeanne V. 12-14-23. 3, Louise Sharp 9-20-94 m. Rome Jackson. Ch. 4, Baxter Jackson 7-13-16.

2, Ethelred Westbrook Wilson (Dock) 4-3-65 d. 11-22-10, m. Sallie Inman. Ch. 3, Iris Wilson m. Ray Hilliard. Ch. 5, Rebecca 1927, 5, David 1934.

Obion grew up on land owned by Wm. M. Wilson and the interests of his descendants have been centered there.

### SARAH FRANCES CARUTHERS

1, Sarah Frances Caruthers 5-22-32 d. 4-5-18, m. Joseph Miller of Glass, Tennessee about 1857 and lived on a farm a mile west of the town of "Soonsupper" now Glass all their lives. Ch. Mollie, Sallie Belle, the twins, Amanda and Emeranda and Jennie. 2, Mollie 5-15-58 d. 2-23-98, m. Abb Cunningham of Elbridge, Tenn. Ch. John, Archie, Julius, Clara and Sadie. 3, John 3-2-78, Archie 10-18-79 m. Florence Jackson. Ch. 4, Jackson 11-2-09. 3, Julius 3-18-80 m. Miss Gippard. 3, Clara 3-2-86 m. 11-30-11 Walter Sallers. Ch. 4, Willie 9-25-12 m. John T. Crockett. Ch. 4, Thomas 5-28-16; 4, Ellen 5-28-18; Ralph 2-19-20, 4, Mary Ella 7-15-23, 4, Wilson 6-23-25, 4, Ira 9-23-29. 3, Sadie Cunningham 5-24-87 m. 9-27-09 Newt Dolins. Ch. 4, Earl Howard 5-27-15, 5, Edna 9-28-21. Earl Dolins m. Louise Crockett. 2, Sallie Miller 6-18-60 m. 1-1-79 John Collins (a Gretna Green affair). They moved to Texas. John died several years ago and Sallie lives among their children near Denton and Merrit, Texas. Ch. Maude Mae, Dumas Elmer, John Alfie, and Fannie. 3, Maude Mae Collins 1-22-80 m. 11-23-02, Hugh Hefner. Ch. Herbert 11-6-07 m. 8-17-28 Dorothy Algood. 3, Dumas Elmer Collins 11-2-82 d. 9-17-98. 3, John Alfie 1-12-93 m. 1-10-15 Lena Lawrence. 3, Fannie Collins 1-21-96 m. 6-27-15 Judson Thomas. Ch. 4, Henry 4-24-16. 4, Dumas 6-15-18. 4, Fannie Mae 9-20-20 m. Ottlean Thomas 3-25-23. 2, Belle Miller 3-14-62 m. 12-18-87 Carol Wilson. Carol died several years ago at Elbridge, Tenn. Ch. Nina, Fannie, Sam, Robert and Flossie. 3, Nina 4-15-89 d.





5-5-26, m. S. C. Holloway. 3, Fannie Wilson 2-12-91 m. 1-14-14 Carl Boone, Ch. 4, Margaret 8-14-15, 4, Cald 11-21-19. 4, Charles 11-17-23. 3, Sam Wilson 7-27-94 d. in France. 3, Robert Wilson 11-16-98 m. Hope McCord, Ch. 4, Gillian 4-11-21 and 4, Warren 4-11-23. 3, Flossie 11-28-1900 m. 2-25-23 Guy Revel, Ch. 4, Chester 4-11-26, 4, Maxine 11-22-21, 4, Ralph 2-7-31. 2, Amanda Miller 3-10-64 d. 1914 m. Pitts McMurry of Union City, Tennessee. Ch. Rachel died after 1931. Pitts McMurry died in 1916. 2, Emeranda 3-10-64 m. L. Everett and died in 1935. 2, Jennie Miller 7-23-66 d. 1-30-34 m. Lou Everett of Glass, Tenn. Ch. Lou Ella, Pearl Miller, Wilmer, Finch, and three others. 3, Lou Ella Everett m. Mr. Ashworth. Ch. 4, Chester, 4, Alma, 4, Burris, 4, Frances. 3, Miller Everett m. Ellen Fox. The family has largely centered about Glass except Mrs. Collins, who lives in Texas.

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#### MARILDA ORLENA EMMONS

1, Marilda Orlena Caruthers 7-12-1834 d. 1861, m. J. I. Emmons 1-20-1832 d. 2-12-1895, in Lincoln County, Tennessee. Isaac Emmons was one of six sons-in-law of Mathew Caruthers to serve in the Confederate Army. He was a private and being captured was imprisoned in the Rock Island Military Prison, where he remained until the close of the war. Mathew Caruthers having died before the out-break of the war, his widow offered each of her sons-in-law a home for his family if he desired to enter the Confederate Army and Marilda having died in 1861, her children found a home and refuge at the Caruthers home in Obion County, Tennessee until their father's return. Their three children were Amanda Orlena, Fannie and James Alpine.

2, Amanda Orlena 1-1-1855 m. J. M. Gill at Boone Hill, Lincoln County, Tennessee 5-12-1873. Ch. Richard Allen, Edward, Beatrice, Buford and Ethel. 3, Richard Allen Gill 2-20-1875 m. Willa Nora Medford. Ch. 4, Jewell Cleo 1-17-1899 m. Mr. White. 4, Nora Lucille 1-20-1905 m. Mr. McCarty. 4, Richard Keith 4-30-1911. 4, B. J. 11-20-1913. 4, Juanita Ray 5-29-1818.

3, Eda Gill m. John William Porter who died 1-7-1920. Ch. 4, John Ewing m. Willeva Phillips. Ch. 5, Trey Lee, 3-27-





1933. 4, Josephine m. Ernest S. Cole, 1932. 4, Frances Ethel-lyn m. Roshell Daniel, 1934. 3, Beatrice Gill m. Roy Dingle, 1901, who died 7-12-1909, and in 1925 she married C. B. Overmeier. By the first marriage there were two children: Byron Roy Dingle m. Opal English 1934 and 4, Marvin Avery Dingle m. Alma Russell, 1938. C. B. Overmier d. 4-18-1936, no issue. 3, Buford L. Gill, 2-22-1888 m. Munsie Williams 1-25-1892. Ch. 4, Marie Elizabeth 9-2-1911. 4, Ella Mae 8-26-1913. 4, Blake L. 2-20-1916. 4, James Sherrod 11-17-19. 4, Lena Fae 10-10-1921. 4, Anna Fandine 2-19-1925. 4, Patsy Ruth 4-15-1932. 4, Buford Don 1-5-1935. 4, Marie Elizabeth Gill m. Sherman Phillips 12-15-28. Ch. 5, Jack S. 2-9-1932. 5, Bennie 6-26-1935. 5, Marilyn 10-31-1937. 3, Ethel Gill m. Harrison Albert Norvell, 1923. He died 1-28-1932. Ch. 4, Harrison James Norvell 3-30-1924.

2, Fannie Emmons 5-31-1847 d. 8-7-1927, m. I. N. Markham, who died in New Mexico 9-27-1926. Ch. 3, James Cahal, Clarence Boyle and Newton. 3, James Cahal m. Dora Fawks in 1901. Ch. 4, James Wayne 1903. 4, Vera Iona 1905. 4, Wm. Cay 1909. 4, Frances Louise 1910. 4, Charles Hardwick 1912. Eddy Ray 1914. Henry Hugh 1916. Moria Jae 1918. Marion Doyle 1920. Carl Lee 1925. Dora Evelyn 1930. 4, James Wayne Markham m. Imogene Montgomery 1937. 5, James Wayne Markham Jr. 4, Vera Iona Markham m. Eric Rolls Bryant 1927. Ch. 5, James Eric 1928. 5, Alice Caroline 1929. 5, Mary Helen 1931. 5, Esther Faye 1933. 5, Don Roy 1935. 5, Arthur Rollo 1938. 4, Wm. Cay Markham m. Dorothy Lillian Turner 1932. Ch. 5, Billy King 1932. 5, Dorella 1934. Jo Ann 1936. 4, Frances Louise Markham m. Wm. Perry Bryant, 1930. Ch. 5, Betty Louise 1933. 4, Charles Hardwick Markham m. Frances Pearl Hallmark 1931. Ch. 5, Georgia Charlene Markham, 1937. 4, Eddy Ray Markham m. Grace Mildred Griffin 1935. 5, Mildred Naomi 1936. 5, Eddy Doyle 1937. 4, Henry Hugh Markham m. Marguerite Morris 1936. Ch. 5, Peggy Pearl Markham, 1937. Moira Jean Markham m. James J. Sweetin 1935. Ch. 5, Moira Jean, 1937.

3, Clarence Boyle Markham, 1881, m. Nora L. Overmier 1901. Fannie Gae, 1902, C. B. 1904. John Isaac, 1906. Sallie Mae, 1910. Jack Boyce, 1912. Julia Ruth, 1919. Billy Joe, 1924. 4, Fanny Gae Markham m. Marshall Bonds, 1924. 4, C. B. Markham m. Bessie Barron. Ch. 5, Verna Mae Markham,





1922 4, John Isaac Markham m. Ethel Lee Cousineare, 1927. Ch. 5, Clarence Richard Markham, 1928. 5, Marshall Donald Markham, 1931. 4, Sallie Mae Markham m. Albert D. White, 1934. 4, Jack Boyce Markham m. Mary Ina Boone, 1937. 4, Julia Ruth Markham m. Pete Proctor, 1935.

3, Wm. Newton Markham 1-31-1879 m. Clara E. Peeples 1-1-02. 4, Aleen Luella Markham m. Rhoton Gilbert 1-12-1933. 4, Edward Bowers Markham m. Counters Coffield 6-7-1928. 5, Monda M. Markham, 1933. 4, Selwyn L. Markham 9-18-09 d. 8-1937, m. 5-10-30 Jeanne Bell Phillips. 5, James Allen. 5, Donna Jean.

2, James Alpine Emmons 3-3-1860 d. 3-2-1935, m. 1881 Mary Theodosia Owens who died 1-15-1936. They had seven children, two of whom died in infancy, only the following names are available. 3, Vernon Powell Emmons, 1897 m. Vida Jane Dickey, 1918. 3, Beulah Emmons, 1893, m Geo. W. Graves, 1915.

The above descendants of Marilda Orlena Emmons live near Dallas, Weatherford and Abbeline, Texas.

### AMANDA J. CARUTHERS

1, Amanda Josephine Caruthers 8-24-37 d. 5-9-22 was born at the home on Bradshaw Creek in Lincoln County, Tennessee; m. James Geoffrey McMurray who died 10-3-12. They lived about eight miles east of Hickman, Kentucky, on a large farm on which they raised their family. They are buried at Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, just over the line in Tennessee. Geoffrey McMurray was a soldier in the Confederate Army. Ch. Thomas Henderson, Fannie M., Charles Geoffrey, Margaret Dora 12-7-73 d. 7-15-1900. Archie K. and James Walters 9-20-1877. 2, Thomas Henderson McMurray 11-18-67 m. Luella Tyler, who died 3-4-1919, and on 11-19-27 married Clara McConnell. They live on the old home farm. No issue. 2, Fannie M. McMurray 2-16-69 m. W. F. Montgomery 3-15-05. He died 3-12-37 and she and her bachelor brother, Judge Walter McMurray, live in Hickman, Kentucky. 2, Charles Geoffrey McMurray 11-4-77 m. Grace Roberts, who died 10-3-37. He next married Mrs. Callie Boyd 5-11-38. Ch.





by the first marriage, Virginia, James, Forrest, Ruth and Dorothy. 3, Virginia McMurray 2-21-06 m. 9-19-23 Sam Austin Jones. Ch. 4, Dorothy Louise 8-24-24. 4, Margaret Vineta 7-1-29, 4, Martha Charline, d. 10-14-28. 4, Charles Austin d. 10-10-29, 4, Thomas Austin 8-6-34. 4, Patricia Ann 2-13-39. 4, Charles H. 3-19-41. 3, James Geoffrey McMurray 4-10-02 m. 4-10-23. Ch. Charles Leroy 6-27-27. 4, James Howard 1-4-29, 4, Kenneth Carl 10-26-32. 4, Ruby Louise, 10-23-36. 4, Clara May 12-29-38. 3, Forrest McMurray 9-8-05 m. 3-16-29, Geneva Bailey. Ch. 4, Barbara Jean 12-26-29. 4, Patricia Ruth 1931. 4, Beverly Charlene, 1933. 3, Ruth McMurray 4-17-11 m. June 1938 Charles Hunter Corum. Ch. 4, Nancy Marie 5-23-41. 3, Dorothy McMurray 8-24-19 m. G. B. Tirrett. Ch. 4, Martha Sue, 1933, 4, Julia Dean 8-28-34, 4, G. B. Jr., 5-2-37, 4, Joseph Edward, 5-1-40, 4, Betty Lou, 10-9-42, 2, Archie K. McMurray, 1-6-76 m. 2-16-18, Porter Emory, who died 8-23-26, ch. 3, James Geoffrey 1-6-20. 3, Frances Emory 10-22-23.

The McMurray family have always lived in the Southwestern part of Kentucky at Hickman and east.

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### MARTHA EMERANDA CARUTHERS

1, Martha Emeranda Caruthers 3-10-40 d. 1-13-10, was born at the family home on Bradshaw Creek in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and moved with the family to Obion County in 1852. Her most vivid recollection of the long trip by wagon was that she fell under a wheel of the wagon with no ill effect other than a broken collar bone, m. 11-28-58 Charles Wright, it was a Gretna Green affair but she was forgiven. When the Civil War came Charles Wright joined the Confederate Army. After the war he taught school in Obion County for thirty-five years: children were Richard Wilford d. 1861, Charles Jefferson, Fannie Ann, Edward Monroe, James Matthew 12-25-87 d. 3-24-00, Musadora Alice 8-29-69 d. 1874, Margaret Eliza, 2-19-71 d. 1872, Nellie 7-4-73 d. 10-26-89, Paul Cahill 12-18-75 d. 5-9-84, Martha Emeranda 12-16-79 d. 12-31-93.

2, Charles J. Wright 5-11-61 d. 12-9-25 m. 10-18-98 Ella B. Sheppard. No issue. He practiced law in Obion County Ten-





nessee and in Springfield, Missouri, after 1889. 2, Fannie A. Wright 4-10-63 lives alone in Chicago, Illinois and writes letters to the cousins that are pictures of perfection in handwriting as in diction and warm with a message that makes them treasures of pleasant recollections. 2, Edward M. Wright b 4-20-66 m. 4-21-96, Nettie M. Blair; Ch. Martha Louise, 4-3-97, Nettie Frances, Jean Blair, Mary Neal, Charles Edward, Margaret Emeranda, Ruth Osborne and Richard Caruthers, twins, Elizabeth Ann and James Thomas. 3, Nettie Frances Wright 2-24-99 m. 12-25-28 J. Harold Richardson. 4, James Harold Jr. 8-23-30. 3, Jean Blair 5-14-01 m. 9-5-25 Dale H. Flagg. 4, Ann Kathryn 5-9-28, adopted when three years of age. 3, Mary Neal 4-8-04 m. 9-19-25 Frank J. Mueller. 4, Mary Frances 9-28-34 and Barbara Jean are adopted. 4, Charles Francis, their own son 11-2-38. 3, Charles E. Wright 10-24-05 m. 12-27-31 Lura Kathryn Rayl. 4, Charles E. Jr. 11-17-32. 4, Lura Kathryn 1-20-36. 3, Margaret Emaranda Wright 11-24-07 m. 12-6-31 Alva E. Baker. 4, Anette Louise 4-28-42. 3, Ruth Osborne and Richard Caruthers, twins 2-25-10. Richard m. 5-8-32 Mary Elizabeth Winfrey. 4, Marybeth 6-26-34. 3, Elizabeth Ann 12-25-14 m. Paul E. Wolfe. 4, Eleanor Jean 10-27-39. James Thomas Wright 9-10-16 m. 1-31-42, Annabel Van Gunten.

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#### MUSADORA ANDERSON CARUTHERS

1, Musadora Anderson Caruthers 4-9-1842 d. 1911, the eighth child of Mathew Caruthers. As a girl of 10 years she moved with the family from Lincoln County, Tennessee to Obion County, and lived on the farm till she married Dr. R. J. Williams of Gadsen, Tenn. She raised a family of eight sons and daughters: Robert Otis, Walter S., Ida, Gay, M. Earl, Hicks, Fannie and Elizabeth, twins. 2, Robert Otis Williams, 1873-1942, like his father, took up the study of medicine and practiced his profession until his death in June 1942 at Humbolt, Tennessee. He married Blondelle Hill who died leaving two daughters, Musadora, 1910 m. C. C. Thorenton Oct. 1937 and lives in Washington, D. C. 3, Mignonne, 1914 m. Kirby Smith III in 1942. 2, Walter S. Williams 1879 married Mrs. Annie Hall and lives at Meridian, Mississippi. 2, Ida Williams,





1877-1902, m. Roy Ozier of Henderson, Tennessee. Her son 3, Harold Ozier, 1901 married Arline O'Neal. 2, Gay Williams, 1881, married S. L. Cox. She has five children: Geraldine, Robert, Martha, Walter, Elnor, 3, Garaldine, 1906 married J. S. Smith of New Orleans. Ch. 4, Nancy Gay 1932 and 4, Geraldine 1936. 3, Robert, 1908, married and lives in Memphis, Tennessee. 3, Martha, 1910 m. T. C. Tatum of Detroit, Michigan. 4, Dora Jane Tatum was born 1936. 2, M. Earl Williams 8-10-1883 m. Corine Seat; 3, Raymond Earl Williams 5-22-18; 2, Hicks Williams 7-13-1885 m. Gussie Henderson. She died and he married Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson Williams. They live in Humbolt, Tenn. 2, Fannie, 1887 m. E. L. Lamont of Alamo, Tenn. 3, Hustes, 1910 and 3, Mary Frances, 1916. 2, Elizabeth 1887-1921, m. Mr. Murrill. 3, Elizabeth Murrill b. 1917 m. Howard Holmes and lives in Martin, Tennessee. This family has centered about Humbolt, Tennessee and surrounding country.

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### MATHEW MONROE CARUTHERS

Little is known about Mathew Monroe Caruthers other than that he was born 8-24-1844 and died 5-15-1862 of disease near Corinth, Mississippi while he was in the Confederate service. An old daguerrotype belonging to some of the relatives pictures him in his Confederate uniform with an army pistol across his lap. He was never married.

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### ELIZA HENRY CARUTHERS

Eliza Henry Caruthers, named for her mother's brother, Dr. Henry Chiles, was the youngest daughter of Mathew and Fannie Chiles Caruthers. Like her sisters she was born on the farm on Bradshaw Creek, in Lincoln County, Tennessee, and was only about five years of age when her family moved to Obion County. She was born 1-25-1847 and died 8-4-1918 at Union City, Tennessee. She was twice married, the first time to Richard W. Miller 5-30-1872. There was born of this marriage one daughter, Gay Miller 6-8-1873. She married,





1-16-1901, Alexander Kirkland Wells 6-3-52 d. 4-27-30. They lived at Obion, Tennessee. Ch. 3, Alice Aileen 11-28-1901 m. Edd Winfield Parks 11-3-1933. 3, Evelyn Clare 12-29-1903. 3, Nellie Miller 4-19-1906 m. 10-17-31, James Harbert Bennett. 3, Richard Kyle 4-10-09 d. 4-12-09. 3, Martha Marie 7-31-10 m. 6-8-35, James Paul White. They have one son, James Wells White 10-17-1936.

Richard W. Miller died 2-5-1835 and Eliza Henry Miller married 12-9-1880, Charles William McMurry. Ch. Harry Lee, Fairy Ann and Samuel Caruthers.. 2, Harry Lee 3-15-1882 m. 1-1-07 Una Hill; 3, Harry George McMurry 2-13-1908 m. 12-28-27, Frances Anderson. 2, Fairy Ann McMurry 10-1-1883 m. 1-7-04, James Verna Hefley. Ch. James Justin, Henry Armstrong and Martha Lou. 3, James Justin Hefley 12-12-1904 m. 7-2-35, Clara Dunlap. 3, Henry Armstrong 3-12-1908. 3, Martha Lou Hefley 8-24-1911 m. 12-22-36 Dr. Earl Donovan. 2, Samuel Caruthers McMurry 5-23-1890 m. Fay Brooks. Ch. 3, Martha Eliza, 1915. The family lived for the most part in Obion County, Tennessee, but now they register from Canton, China to Hollywood, California.

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### PAUL CHILES CARUTHERS

1, Paul Chiles Caruthers 1-31-1849 d. 11-6-1911, was listed in the U. S. Census of 1850 in Lincoln County, Tennessee as one month of age, hence he was quite young when the family migrated to Obion County, Tennessee in 1852. He was too young to take an active part in the Civil War but while his two brothers, John A. and Monroe, and a number of brothers-in law were in the Confederate service, he remained on the farm near Obion and helped his mother care for the farm and his sisters and their children while their husbands and fathers were away. He first married Jackie Revel of "Soon-supper", now Glass, Tennessee. On January 5, 1875 a daughter whom he named Jackie was born. The mother soon died and at the age of fifteen the daughter died 10-18-1900. A year after his wife's death on 2-26-76, he was married to Patty Youree of the same community. They had four children, Allie, Paul T., Prather and Dollie. 2, Allie Caruthers 7-25-1877





m. 12-24-1895, Glen I. Foulkes. Ch. 3, Frank S. 10-21-1896, 3, Gladys Ivy 1-11-1899 d. 7-24-1924. 3, Patty Evelyn 6-20-1904. 3, Mary Elizabeth 11-24-1913 d. 12-4-1915. Their home is Newbern, Tennessee. 3, Frank S. Foulkes m. Maggie Dyer Wilkes. Ch. 4, Frank Jr., 4, Margarete. 2, Paul T. Caruthers 1-2-1880 d. 8-18-1912 m. Anna Howell. Ch. 3, Wade Howell Caruthers. He is married and has a daughter named Arlene Caruthers, 7-11-1929. Wade Howell Caruthers lives in El Paso, Texas. He and his distant cousin, Elmo Caruthers of Elizabeth, New Jersey, are the only male descendants of Mathew Caruthers bearing the name. 2, Prather Caruthers 8-23-1882 d. 2-20-1910, m. Isaac Sellers. 2, Dollie Caruthers 2-2-1826 d. 4-14-1922, m. W. W. Ridens. In his later years Paul Chiles Caruthers lived in Newbern, Tennessee, was a devout churchman and a great favorite with children of the community. His only surviving child is Mrs. Allie Foulkes.

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### SAMUEL CAHILL CARUTHERS

Samuel Cahill Caruthers, born 3-6-1853, was the youngest child of Mathew and Fannie Caruthers. He was evidently named for his grandfather and Uncle Samuel, but the name Cahill (or "Kay" as he was called) was possibly for a Middle Tennessee relative or friend. He was a very popular bachelor with his nephews and nieces, and has many namesakes. He lived on the farm with his mother near Obion, Tennessee, as long as she lived, went west and, with Max Lane of Union City, Tennessee, established a cattle business at Monett, Missouri. This venture failed and later he settled down at Miami, Oklahoma, married a widow with several grown children and lead a retired life, and died 2-23-1922.

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### PAUL CHILES AND FAMILY

By reason of the fact that Mathew Caruthers married Fannie Chiles only his branch of the family is interested in the Chiles relationship.

Roland Chiles is the common ancestor of the family and lived in Virginia. He had three sons and one daughter as fol-





lows: Thomas Frost, of Warrenton, Missouri, Roland of Polk County, Missouri, and a daughter who became the wife of Mr. Human, for whom the town of Humansville, Mo., is said to be named and Paul. Paul drifted to Giles County, Tennessee where he married Susan Kersey and became a well-to-do land owner and prosperous farmer. Susan died about the beginning of the War between the States at their home at Brick Church in Giles County. A monument is said to mark her grave in the cemetery at that place. After her death Paul disposed of his property and went to live with his children in West Tennessee, Ann, of Gibson County, Fanny, of Obion County and Roland in Haywood County. He was a small wiry man full of energy up to the time of his death, doing such chores as he could for his daughters, and walked long distances even till he was 94 years of age. A short while before his death he walked from "Soonsupper", now Glass, Tennessee, a distance of four miles to his daughter's, Mrs. Caruthers, in a heavy rain. He took sick from the exposure and died shortly after. It is reported he left a will filed in Giles County, in which he bequeathed a large estate to his children but there was little left of it when he died. He is buried at the Camp Ground near the Caruthers section of the cemetery.

Ira Chiles, a descendant of Thomas Frost Chiles, of Warrenton, Missouri, has prepared an exhaustive chart of the Chiles family from the time they settled in America and we list here only Paul's family, towit:

1, Paul Chiles, 1782-1876, m. Susan Kersey of Tennessee, their children were John, Henry, Fanny, Lucinda and Sally of Obion County, and Roland of Haywood County, all of Tennessee.

2, John had two sons: 3, James, one time sheriff of Obion County and 3, Henry of Glass, Tenn., each had a number of children. We have no record that Dr. Henry was ever married. 2, Fanny married Mathew Caruthers and her family is listed elsewhere.

2, Sally married Tom Collins. 2, Lucinda married a Mr. Jones that had three sons. 3, Thomas, who died recently near Humboldt, Tennessee was noted for his quaint homespun philosophy. 3, Press of Gadsden, Tennessee, married a Miss Raines and had a son, Odell and a daughter. 2, Roland 5-18-





1827 m. Margaret b. 12-24-1827 their children: 3, James Paul 9-16-1855, lives in Sugar Grove, Ark, and has two children. 4, F. E. Holland, 12-7-1860, who has four children, 4, Mandaler Duncan 10-31-1867, had four children and 4, H. L. Chiles 5-11-1870, had one child.

2, Ann married Dr. Hicks of Gadsden, Tennessee, their daughter 3, Ann, married Dr. Robert Williams and had two sons, Charley and Tom. 4, Charley married Elna McDonald, has several children and lives at Bells, Tennessee. 4, Tom married and lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

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## Some Old Pictures

It was intended to include a number of old pictures in this publication but the difficulty of getting them prepared for it has delayed publication too long already and it is with regret it has been decided to delete this part.

There are pictures of the eight daughters of Mathew Caruthers and their mother, Fanny Chiles Caruthers; one of Mrs. Amanda Bonds the granddaughter of Francis Finley and who remembers her grandfather personally and their old home near Petersburg, Tennessee; one of Mrs. Fanny Kelley the only grandchild of Fanny Caruthers Ware; one of Thomas Benton Caruthers; one of Paul Chiles taken in the 1860s; one of the possible old home of the Samuel Caruthers sr. family on Bradshaw Creek with the old spring at the north end of the house; also the tomb of Mathew and Fanny Caruthers at the Camp Ground Cemetery southwest of Troy, Tennessee.

These pictures are mentioned for the purpose of having them in the record in lieu of better evidence.

When someone undertakes to write an amended statement of facts about this family he may wish to include the pictures.





## HONOR ROLL

of

Descendants of John Caruthers reported to be in the  
Military, Naval or Air Service of  
World War No. 2.

Lt. William Sutherland Bonds, A.A.F. P.F.S., Denton Texas

Lt. Robert Monroe Franchiseur, 326 Fighting Squadron, Denton, Texas.

Edward Powers Finneran, Technical Div. Air Force, Oakland, California.

Thomas Jefferson Finneran, U. S. Navy.

James Norvell (service not reported), Weatherford, Texas.

Ens. Robert Floyd Haynes Jr., U.S.N.R., Greeneville, Miss.

Staff Sgt. James Sherrod Gill, Dennis, Texas.

B. J. Gill, Chief Machinist Mate 1/c U.S.N., Weatherford, Texas.

Ira Freeman Beverly, U.S.N. Aviation Machinist Mate 3/c.

Cpl. Raymond E. Williams, 393 Sig. Corps A.V.N., Humboldt, Tennessee.

Lerskov Hardin, Inf. in Africa, Claremore, Okla.

Fred L. Kelley, U. S. Naval Reserve, Steele, Mo.

Lt. Ernest Cole, Purcell, Okla.

John Porter, U. S. Navy "Seabees", Purcell, Okla.

Ens. D. A. Jackson, U. S. Naval Air, San Antonio, Texas.

Howard Finley, with Army in Alaska, Hugo, Oklahoma.

Ens. Ruth Osborn Wright (W-Vs.) U.S.N.R., Springfield, Mo.

Lt. James T. Wright, W.A.F.S., Springfield, Mo.

Wilson Smith, A. S. Reg. 4-54 Camp, Springfield, Mo.

Ens. Erma Smith (N.C.) U.S.N.R., Springfield, Mo.

Benjamin Smith, Av. Cadet U.S.N.P.S., Springfield, Mo.

John L. Delaney, U.S.S. Act. Chief Petty Officer.





Thomas M. Delaney, U.S.S. Submarine 1 Class Gunners Mate.  
Col. William C. Sams, Com. Air Base, Meridian, Miss.  
Lt. Joe C. Sams, Intelligence Office Air Base, Meridian, Miss.  
Capt. James Edward Sams, Med. Corps (wounded in Africa  
2-19-43).  
Col. William Tunner Ferry, Div. Air Corps, Transport Com.  
Meridian  
James Baxter Sharp, Gunner Army Air Corps, Newport, Ark.  
Sgt. Mayo Scrivener, 381 S.E.E.T.S., Denver, Colo.  
Robert Scrivener, U. S. A., Denver, Colo.  
Pvt. Russell E. Scrivener, Anti Air Craft, Denver, Colo.  
Lt. Elmo Caruthers, U.S.N.R., Elizabeth, N. J.  
Corp. James Hardin, Claremore, Okla.  
Billie Dean Myers, U.S.S., (warship).  
Pvt. Paul Arms, U. S. Army.  
Maj. W. H. Casebaum, Med. Corps U.S.A., New York, N. Y.

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### The Pioneer

No lettered stone with aged stain  
Marks the tomb of the pioneer,  
But his grandsons, from roaring plane,  
Read his epitaph below  
In the checker'd fields of growing grain.

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